



GEORGE E. CRUICKSHANK
Grand Master 1927

PROCEEDINGS
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M.W. Grand Lodge
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M.W. Bro. A. M. MITCHELL	-	-	<i>Grand Master</i>
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. KEMMIS	-	-	<i>Grand Secretary</i>

Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The M.W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at the Town of Banff, in the Province of Alberta, on June 10, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927, at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank.....Grand Master
M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith (G.M. of Saskatchewan)as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. L. S. Crosby.....as Senior Grand Warden
V.W. Bro. W. H. Hiscocks.....as Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro. Wilfred Horrocks.....as Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.....Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. R. H. Lytle.....as Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. John Watters.....as Senior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. R. A. Liggat.....as Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. S. L. McCracken.....as Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. Wm. Pratt.....as Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. P. Fielding.....Grand Tyler
and a number of brethren from Calgary and other points.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 2:30 p.m. by M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the United Church at Banff.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed, under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order taking their proper positions at the North East corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE
GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 10th day of June, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927, the eighteenth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign,

GEORGE THE FIFTH,

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
KING, Defender of the Faith,

EMPEROR OF INDIA

His Excellency, Lord Willingdon, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor, William Egbert, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The Honourable William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable J. E. Brownlee, being Premier of the Province of Alberta.

R. S. Stronach, Esq., being Superintendent of the Rocky Mountain Park of Canada.

H. G. Gordon, Esq., being Chairman of the Advisory Council for Banff.

The Rev. James Endicott, D.D., being Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Church of Canada.

The Rev. T. H. Lonsdale, being Pastor of the United Church in Banff.

M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Samuel L. McCracken, being District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the

UNITED CHURCH

was laid by M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and of citizens of Banff.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containing coins of the Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Deputy Grand Master, the Acting Senior Grand Warden and the acting Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective offices to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craft had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

Brief historical and congratulatory addresses were delivered by R.W. Bro. (Dr.) R. G. Brett, Bro. (Rev.) Geo. A. Dickson and the Pastor of the church, also by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, outlining the relation which Masonry bears to religion.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.



S. Y. Taylor.

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The M.W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at the Town of Stettler, in the Province of Alberta, on August 23, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927, at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.....as Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. H. V. Phipps.....as Deputy Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. J. W. McBrine.....as Senior Grand Warden
 W. Bro. A. Preston.....as Junior Grand Warden
 W. Bro. W. Dunlop.....as Grand Treasurer
 R.W. Bro. C. V. Bennett.....as Grand Secretary
 R.W. Bro. J. G. Goddard.....Grand Chaplain
 V.W. Bro. John Brown.....Senior Grand Deacon
 W. Bro. F. Seabrook.....as Junior Grand Deacon
 W. Bro. P. Lee.....as Grand Director of Ceremonies
 V.W. Bro. W. S. Cameron.....Grand Steward
 Bro. E. Feir.....as Grand Steward
 Bro. R. C. Redpath.....as Grand Pursuivant
 Bro. E. Wilson.....as Grand Tyler
 and a number of brethren from Lacombe, Strome, Coronation and other points.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form at 3:00 p.m. by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, acting Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the United Church at Stettler.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed, under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order taking their proper positions at the North East corner of the building.

The Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the acting Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 23rd day of August, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927, the eighteenth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE THE FIFTH

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
 KING, Defender of the Faith,

EMPEROR OF INDIA

His Excellency, Lord Willingdon, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor, William Egbert, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The Honorable William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable J. E. Brownlee, being Premier of the Province of Alberta.

His Worship, Herbert A. Blair, being Mayor of the Town of Stettler.

The Rev. James Endicott, D.D., being Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Church of Canada.

The Rev. R. W. Bro. J. G. Goddard, being Pastor of the United Church in Stettler.

M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. John A. Preston, being District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the

UNITED CHURCH

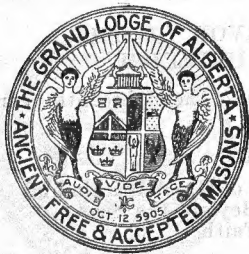
was laid by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Past Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and of citizens of Stettler.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containing coins of the Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Deputy Grand Master, the acting Senior Grand Warden and the acting Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective offices to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craft had done their duty.

The acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

An appropriate address outlining the relation which Masonry bears to religion, was delivered by the acting Grand Master, following which the procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.



S. Y. Taylor.

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The M.W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at the Town of Okotoks, in the Province of Alberta, on August 26, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927, at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. G. C. S. Patterson	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley	as Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. S. L. McCracken	as Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro. A. E. Ardiel	as Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor	Grand Secretary
Bro. (Rev.) W. J. Kidd	as Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. John Brown	Senior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. R. Crichton	as Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. Ronald Knowles	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. W. S. Cameron	Grand Steward
W. Bro. D. J. Downey	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. M. McGougan	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. Geo. W. Young	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. Herbert Piloe	as Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. J. F. Casteel	as Grand Tyler

and a number of brethren from Calgary, High River, Hillcrest and other points.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 3:00 p.m. by M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall of Corinthan Lodge No. 22, Okotoks.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed, under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order taking their proper positions at the North East corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 26th day of August, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927, the eighteenth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE THE FIFTH

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
KING, Defender of the Faith,

EMPEROR OF INDIA

His Excellency, Lord Willingdon, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor, William Egbert, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The Honorable William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

Honorable J. E. Brownlee, being Premier of the Province of Alberta.

His Worship, William J. M. Thompson, being Mayor of the Town of Okotoks.

M.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Ronald Knowles, being District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District.

W. Bro. Roland E. Hill, being Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge, No. 22.

THIS CORNER STONE
of
CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 22, OKOTOKS

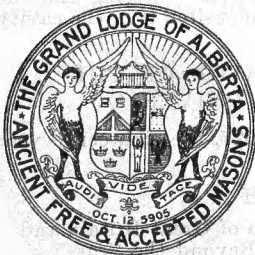
was laid by M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and of citizens of Okotoks.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containing coins of the Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Deputy Grand Master, the acting Senior Grand Warden and the acting Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective offices to the stone after it had been placed in position and announced that the Craft had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

After a brief congratulatory address by the M.W. the Grand Master, the procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.



S. Y. Taylor.

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The M.W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at the Town of Camrose, in the Province of Alberta, on September 6, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927, at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank.....	Grand Master
V.W. Bro. Geo. D. Wallace.....	as Deputy Grand Master
W. Bro. J. A. Younge.....	as Senior Grand Warden
W. Bro. P. F. Smith.....	as Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro. F. P. Layton.....	as Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.....	Grand Secretary
V.W. Bro. J. T. Johnson.....	as Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. J. B. Taylor.....	as Senior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. E. E. Connor.....	as Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. H. V. Phipps.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. P. O. Paulson.....	as Grand Steward
Bro. H. P. Curtiss.....	as Grand Steward
Bro. J. A. MacM. Brown.....	as Grand Steward
Bro. O. B. Olson.....	as Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. E. E. Connor.....	as Grand Tyler

and a number of brethren from the district.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 3:00 p.m. by M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall of Camrose Lodge No. 37, Camrose.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed, under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order taking their proper positions at the North East Corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 6th day of September, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927, in the eighteenth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE THE FIFTH

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
KING, Defender of the Faith,

EMPEROR OF INDIA

His Excellency, Lord Willingdon, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor William Egbert, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The Honorable William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable J. E. Brownlee, being Premier of the Province of Alberta.

His Worship, John Douglas, being Mayor of the Town of Camrose.

M.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. H. V. Phipps, being District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District.

W. Bro. F. F. Bailey, being Worshipful Master of Camrose Lodge No. 37.

THIS CORNER STONE

of

CAMROSE LODGE, No. 37, CAMROSE

was laid by M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and of citizens of Camrose.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containing coins of the Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Deputy Grand Master, the acting Senior Grand Warden and the acting Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective offices to the stone after it had been placed in position and announced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

Appropriate addresses were delivered by the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor and others. The procession was then re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room where Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.



S. Y. Taylor.

Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The M.W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on February 4, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928, at 3:00 o'clock p.m

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher as Grand Master
 M.W. Bro. T. F. English as Deputy Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. John Gillespie as Senior Grand Warden
 R.W. Bro. A. S. Estey as Junior Grand Warden
 R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe Grand Treasurer
 M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor Grand Secretary
 R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland Grand Registrar
 R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby as Grand Chaplain
 V.W. Bro. John Brown Senior Grand Deacon
 R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey as Junior Grand Deacon
 V.W. Bro. Harry Allen Grand Director of Ceremonies
 W. Bro. W. G. Black as Grand Pursuivant
 Bro. S. H. Davies as Grand Tyler
 and a number of brethren from Calgary.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form at 3:00 p.m. by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, acting Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of Knox Presbyterian Church, Calgary.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed under the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the North East corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE
 GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 4th day of February, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928, the nineteenth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE THE FIFTH

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
 KING, Defender of the Faith,

EMPEROR OF INDIA

His Excellency, Lord Willingdon, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor, William Egbert, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The Honorable William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable J. E. Brownlee, being Premier of the Province of Alberta.

His Worship, Frederick E. Osborne, being Mayor of the City of Calgary.

The Rev. Leslie Clay, D.D., being Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Rev. Peter McNabb, B.A., being Interim Moderator of Knox Presbyterian Church, Calgary.

The Rev. Samuel Bacon Hillocks, B.A., LL.B., being Interim Pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Calgary.

M.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Samuel L. McCracken, being District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

was laid by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Past Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and of citizens of Calgary.

The Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containing coins of the Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Deputy Grand Master, the acting Senior Grand Warden, and the acting Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective offices to the stone after it had been placed in position and announced that the Craft had done their duty.

The acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

An address of welcome and appreciation was delivered by the Rev. S. Bacon Hillocks, after which the procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.



S. Y. Taylor.

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The M.W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at the City of Lethbridge, in the Province of Alberta, on April 18, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928, at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. Alex. M. Mitchell Deputy Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton Senior Grand Warden
 M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood as Junior Grand Warden
 R.W. Bro. J. D. Higginbotham as Grand Treasurer
 R.W. Bro. W. Ireland as Grand Secretary
 R.W. Bro. Robert Pearson as Grand Chaplain
 R.W. Bro. Jas. W. Gillman as Senior Grand Deacon
 R.W. Bro. H. W. Meech as Junior Grand Deacon
 V.W. Bro. E. Oxland as Grand Director of Ceremonies
 R.W. Bro. J. E. Rannard as Grand Steward
 V.W. Bro. D. A. Simpson as Grand Steward
 W. Bro. D. B. Milne as Grand Steward
 W. Bro. G. H. Nowell as Grand Steward
 V.W. Bro. M. R. Matheson Grand Pursuivant
 R.W. Bro. A. R. Dempster as Grand Tyler
 and a number of brethren from Lethbridge and the surrounding districts.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 3:00 p.m. by M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Collegiate Institute at Lethbridge.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order taking their proper positions at the North East corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the acting Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 18th day of April, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928, the nineteenth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE THE FIFTH,

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
 Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
 KING, Defender of the Faith,
 EMPEROR OF INDIA

His Excellency, Lord Willingdon, being Governor-General of the
 Dominion of Canada.

His Honor, William Egbert, being Lieutenant-Governor of the
 Province of Alberta.

The Honorable William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable J. E. Brownlee, being Premier of the Province of Alberta.

His Worship, W. D. L. Hardie, being Mayor of the City of Lethbridge.

Dr. James E. Lovering, being Chairman of the School Board of Lethbridge School District No. 51.

Mary C. McClenaghan, Susie Bawden, James H. Westbrook and Charles E. Cameron, being Trustees of the Lethbridge School District, No. 51.

John H. Fleetwood, Esq., being Secretary-Treasurer of the Lethbridge School District, No. 51.

Alan J. Watson, Esq., being Superintendent of the Lethbridge School District No. 51.

M.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. O. Rostrup, being District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, LETHBRIDGE

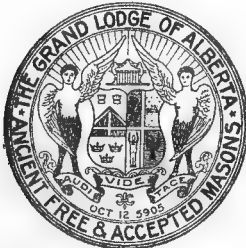
was laid by M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and of citizens of Lethbridge.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containing coins of the Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden and the acting Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective offices to the stone after it had been placed in position and announced that the Craft had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

Addresses were delivered by Mayor Hardie, the Hon. Perrin Baker, M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood and Dr. Lovering, after which the procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.



Wm. Ireland

Acting Grand Secretary.

In the evening, the School Board of the City of Lethbridge were hosts at a banquet at which the Grand Lodge Officers and many of the brethren were present, when very excellent and inspiring addresses were delivered and a musical program enjoyed.

Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The M.W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on June 2, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928, at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank.....	Grand Master
M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart.....	as Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay.....	as Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe.....	Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland.....	as Grand Secretary
Bro. James Dorrian.....	as Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. John Brown.....	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. H. M. Jenkins.....	as Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. S. L. McCracken.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. W. H. Chappell.....	as Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. J. R. Flan.....	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. H. O. Westrup.....	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. W. Black.....	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. R. G. Lebeau.....	as Grand Pursuivant
Bro. George Guthrie.....	as Grand Tyler

and a number of brethren from Calgary.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 3:00 p.m. by M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall of St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, Calgary.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order taking their proper positions at the North East corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the acting Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 2nd day of June, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928, the nineteenth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE THE FIFTH,

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
KING, Defender of the Faith,

EMPEROR OF INDIA

His Excellency, Lord Willingdon, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor, William Egbert, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The Honorable William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable J. E. Brownlee, being Premier of the Province of Alberta.

His Worship F. E. Osborne, being Mayor of the City of Calgary.

M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Samuel L. McCracken, being District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District.

W. Bro. John McCulloch, being Worshipful Master of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118, Calgary.

THIS CORNER STONE

of

ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 118, CALGARY

was laid by M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and of citizens of Calgary.

The Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containind coins of the Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Deputy Grand Master, the acting Senior Grand Warden and the acting Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective offices to the stone after it had been placed in position and announced that the Craft had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

Appropriate addresses were delivered by the M.W. the Grand Master and by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, after which the procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.



Wm. Ireland

Acting Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Twenty-third Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Ball Room of the Palliser Hotel, in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 13, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

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W. Bro. G. M. Crawford	W.M. U.D.	Whitecourt
W. Bro. P. C. Routledge	W.M. U.D.	Lochearn

W. Bro. A. L. Williams.....	W.M. U.D. Standard
Bro. E. A. Wagler.....	S.W. U.D. Standard
Bro. C. P. Dahl.....	J.W. U.D. Standard
W. Bro. W. R. Hardy.....	W.M. U.D. Sharon

OPENING

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM and with prayer.

The W.M. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor was directed by the M.W. the Grand Master to retire and introduce His Worship the Mayor of the City of Calgary, Bro. F. E. Osborne. His Worship briefly but graciously welcomed the delegates to the City of Calgary, and the M.W. the Grand Master replied, expressing for the members of Grand Lodge their appreciation of the genuine friendliness of his welcome.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Acting Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Ireland, at the request of the M.W. the Grand Master, called the roll of Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge, and the representatives present extended the fraternal greetings of their respective jurisdictions to the Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank in welcoming the Grand Representatives expressed his pleasure at the large number of jurisdictions represented and on behalf of the Masons of Alberta and the Grand Lodge, heartily reciprocated their fraternal greetings. He requested them upon returning home to convey to the Grand Masters of their respective jurisdictions cordial and fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The Grand Master expressed the hope that their sojourn at this Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge would be informative and enjoyable.

M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands near this Grand Lodge, replied as follows:

M. W. Sir:

On behalf of the Grand Representatives of the several Grand Jurisdictions represented here today permit me to express to you our warm appreciation of your very kindly welcome to this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. We shall be happy to convey to the Grand Masters of our respective jurisdictions the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. We are pleased to be privileged to attend this large and representative gathering of the Masons of this jurisdiction. We congratulate you upon the large attendance of the members of Grand Lodge and trust that the deliberations of the Grand Lodge will be productive of much benefit to the Craft in this jurisdiction. We desire to congratulate you also upon your success in discharging the duties of your high office as well as on the continued progress of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

SILENT TRIBUTE

At the suggestion of R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, S.G.W., Grand Lodge then stood for two minutes in silent tribute to the memory of our late Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. John Gillespie (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twenty-second Annual Communication, held in the City of Calgary on June 8th and 9th, 1927, and as appearing in the printed proceedings be taken as read and confirmed."

Grand Master's Address

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

Brethren:

I assure you it affords me a very great pleasure to be permitted to welcome you to this our Twenty-third Annual Communication, and to be privileged to join with you in expressing the gratitude within our hearts to the Great Architect of the Universe for his continued goodness in permitting so many of us to meet again to review our past activities and to plan for the future. It is my earnest hope that this meeting will be pleasant and profitable to each of us.

When we look back over the year just past we are conscious that it has been a period of prosperity; we have been favored with a bountiful harvest, and we are again looking forward with unbounded optimism and inspiring confidence to a continuance of the beneficence of Him who watches over us at all times.

While we are enjoying the continued favor of that Great Architect, I am constrained to express the sorrow and regret we all feel at the loss of those of the Fraternity of this and other jurisdictions who have passed on to the Grand Lodge above in obedience to the summons of the Great Grand Master.

On March 28th of the present year this Grand Lodge suffered an incalculable loss in the passing of our beloved Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. Those of us who knew him best loved him most and while we grieve over his departure, the memory of his good works, his fidelity to friends and his devotion to Masonry is engraved upon our hearts.

He was elected in June, 1917, to the office of Grand Secretary and continuously served Grand Lodge in this capacity until the date of his death. Without detracting from the merits and efforts of other Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters with whom he served I think we are all agreed that our late Grand Secretary has exercised an outstanding influence on the policies of Grand Lodge and by his continued efforts largely assisted in the execution thereof. His long experience in the practice of matters Masonic as well as his wide knowledge of the lore, history and philosophy of our Craft peculiarly fitted him for the discharge of the duties of his high office to the general acceptance of the Craft not only in this jurisdiction but throughout the Masonic world. For many years he carried on unaided the work of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and attained wide recognition in other jurisdictions for his Masonic attainments.

The Committee, consisting of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher and R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey was appointed by me to draft the memorial which is to be read in all lodges and will be inserted in our proceedings.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

I am pleased to state that the Order throughout the Jurisdiction is in splendid condition; our members are steadily increasing, and I

am led to believe that the standard of the new membership leaves nothing to be desired. Personally, I am more concerned in quality than quantity and I would strongly urge every lodge to exercise the utmost care and discrimination in the recommendation and selection of new material. In case of doubt, have no hesitation in giving the Order the benefit of it.

Only one matter of a serious nature, involving discipline by the Grand Master, has arisen during my year of office. Following a report received by me from R.W. Bro. John Henning, District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth Masonic District concerning conditions in Saskatchewan Lodge Mo. 92, I arranged for an inquiry to be held by myself, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, in which testimony of many members of this lodge was taken. The hearing resulted in my decision to suspend the Warrant of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, which was done on March 22 last, and the officers of the lodge were instructed to turn over all the lodge records, moneys and properties to the appropriate officials of Grand Lodge.

The record of this investigation has been forwarded by me to the Standing Committee on Jurisprudence with the request that they give this matter attention at this present meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Our financial affairs are in a very satisfactory condition. Our progress during the year will be disclosed by the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters who have all been faithful in the discharge of their several duties, and whose loyalty to the Craft has made the duties of your Grand Master a distinct pleasure. I record my appreciation and indebtedness to them for their spontaneous co-operation.

ACTING GRAND SECRETARY

Immediately following the lamented death of our Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. Taylor, I requested R.W. Bro. Ireland, the Registrar, to carry on the office of Grand Secretary temporarily and on the 12th day of April I appointed R.W. Bro. Ireland as Acting Grand Secretary to discharge the duties of that office until the present meeting of the Grand Lodge. I wish to express my warm appreciation of the services of R.W. Bro. Ireland as Acting Grand Secretary in view of the difficulties and inconvenience under which he carried on these onerous duties owing in part to the confusion caused by the fire in the Grand Lodge premises and the consequent removal of the offices and also the interference with the usual run of supplies. The work of R.W. Bro. Ireland has been quite heavy during this intervening period and he deserves the very hearty thanks of Grand Lodge for the very efficient manner in which all these duties have been discharged.

FIRE

I regret to have to report a serious loss to the Grand Lodge through fire which destroyed the building in which the Grand Lodge offices had for many years been located. Fortunately our loss was confined to loss from water and consisted of damage only to the library and supplies. The permanent records of Grand Lodge and many of its more costly supplies, which were stored in the vault, came through safely. A satisfactory adjustment with the insurance companies has been negotiated by a Special Committee appointed by me consisting of M.W. Bro. Connacher, M.W. Bro. Selwood and R.W. Bro. Ireland, and particulars of this adjustment will appear in the report of the Acting

Grand Secretary. These circumstances have necessitated the Grand Lodge procuring temporary offices which are now located at 507 Leeson and Lineham block, 8th Avenue, West, Calgary, Alberta. Apart from the inconvenience from the change of offices and temporary loss of certain records, particularly in the library the effect of the fire will not be permanently felt.

CHARTERS

At our last communication, Grand Lodge granted charters to two lodges, and they were duly constituted. On June 27th, 1927, I accompanied M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor and assisted him in constituting Mayerthorpe Lodge No. 148, in the Twelfth Masonic District. We were ably assisted in these duties by R.W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, who acted as Director of Ceremonies. After this lodge was constituted, the officers were installed and invested by M.W. Bro. Taylor.

I am obligated to R.W. Bro. F. H. Sutherland for acting in my behalf in constituting Northland Lodge, No. 147, at Waterhole, in the Thirteenth Masonic District, on June 29th.

NEW LODGES

Dispensations for the formation of new lodges were granted and the following lodges were instituted:

Rosebud, at Rosebud, in the Fourteenth Masonic District. Dispensation re-issued June 11th, 1927.

Whitecourt, at Whitecourt, in the Twelfth Masonic District. Dispensation issued October 24th, 1927. Instituted November 28th, 1927, by R.W. Bro. John Hening, D.D.G.M.

Lochearn, at Rocky Mountain House, in the Fourth Masonic District. Dispensation issued December 10th, 1927. Instituted December 14th, 1927, by R.W. Bro. J. W. Gillman, D.D.G.M.

Standard, at Standard, in the First Masonic District. Dispensation issued December 20th, 1927. Instituted January 6th, 1928, by R.W. Bro. S. L. McCracken, D.D.G.M.

Donalda, at Donalda, in the Ninth Masonic District. Dispensation issued June 30th, 1927. Instituted on July 22nd, 1927, by R.W. Bro. John A. Preston.

Sharon, at Iron Springs, in the Eleventh Masonic District. Instituted by R.W. Bro. W. T. Rogers, D.D.G.M., on May 5th, 1928.

LAYING OF CORNER STONES

My first official act after being installed was the laying of the corner stone of the United Church at Banff, on Friday, June 10th, 1927. On this occasion I was accompanied by M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith, Grand Master of Saskatchewan, M.W. Bro. Taylor, R.W. Bros. McCracken and Lyttle, and V.W. Bro. F. J. Smith. We were cordially received by the brethren of Cascade Lodge, and they left nothing undone to make our short stay in Banff an enjoyable one.

On invitation from Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, Okotoks, I had the honor of laying the corner stone of their new lodge room on August 26th. The Grand Lodge officers accompanying me on this occasion were M.W. Bro. Taylor, R.W. Bro. Knowles, D.D.G.M., R.W. Bros. McCracken and Hodson, and V.W. Bros. Brown, Jenkins and Cameron. There was a large attendance of brethren of Corinthian Lodge and

visiting brethren. I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the officers and brethren of this lodge for the beautiful gift to me as a memento of that auspicious event.

In response to the invitation from the officers and members of Camrose Lodge, No. 37, I had the great pleasure of officiating at the laying of the corner stone of their new lodge home on September 6th, and on this occasion M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor shared the honors with me. There was a splendid attendance of the brethren of Camrose and district, and these brethren manifested the true Masonic spirit which made my visit a most pleasant one. I regret being unable to avail myself of their kind invitation to be present at their dedication ceremony, but I am more than grateful to R.W. Bro. Mitchell for consenting to perform that function for me.

I received an invitation from the Board of Managers of the United Church at Stettler to lay the corner stone of their new Church. Circumstances beyond my control rendered it impossible to take advantage of this invitation, but I was represented on this occasion by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who performed the ceremony in his usual capable manner.

Another invitation which I was unable to accept was one from the Board of Managers of Knox Presbyterian Church, Calgary, to be present at, and lay, the corner stone of their new church. M.W. Bro. Connacher very kindly consented to perform the ceremony in my stead, and I am indebted to him for his efficient discharge of that duty.

On April 18th, 1928, I had the great pleasure and honor of complying with the request of the Lethbridge School Board that Grand Lodge lay the corner stone of their Collegiate Institute. This duty was performed in the presence of a large number of brethren from Lethbridge and the surrounding districts. The Grand Lodge officers present were M.W. Bros. Kemmis and Selwood, R.W. Bros. Mitchell, Middleton, Rostrop, Macleod, Gilmore, Ireland, Dempster, Rea and Rannard. Much credit is due to W. Bro. Graham and officers of Lethbridge lodges for the splendid manner in which all arrangements were made and carried out, and I owe a debt of gratitude to them for their services on this occasion. I am also very grateful to the Lethbridge School Board for their splendid entertainment of the visitors in the evening and also for the beautiful trowel presented to me as a mark of their favor and esteem.

On June 2, 1928, on an invitation from St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118, Calgary, I had the honor and pleasure of laying the corner stone of their new Masonic home. A large number of brethren were present, and I am grateful to the following brethren for their assistance: M.W. Bros. Blair and Selwood, R.W. Bros. McCracken, Macaulay, Ireland, Stewart and Sharpe, and V.W. Bros. Brown and Chappell. The brethren of this lodge are to be congratulated in their determination to procure a suitable Masonic home, and I am sure we all wish them success in their work. I wish to tender them my sincere thanks and appreciation for the beautiful gavel which they presented me with as a reminder to that happy occasion.

DISPENSATIONS

The following dispensations were granted during the year:

To wear regalia at Divine service	37
To hold special installations	43
To hold special elections	5

To elect and install out of time.....	3
To elect and invest out of time.....	11
To invest out of time.....	3
To change night of regular communication.....	12
To act on candidate with physical defect.....	4
To confer degree out of time.....	1
Special dispensation to members of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 suspended.....	
For member to attend meeting of Empire Lodge..	1
To attend funeral service of a brother.....	1

I have on more than one occasion been asked if it would be in order for a lodge to institute a raffle or lottery and invite the public generally to participate therein for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of lodge premises. My answer was emphatically in the negative; that the spirit and past experience of Freemasonry had been and was opposed to such a practice. I feel assured of the support of the Craft in this expression of opinion.

During the year, I have received requests from a few lodges for dispensations to set aside or modify certain clauses or requirements of our Constitution. The reasons usually given were that through negligence, either on the part of the applicant or of his lodge, the matter had not been attended to at the proper time, and as a consequence a dispensation was desired to accommodate that situation. Needless to say, such applications were refused. Every officer and member of a lodge is instructed and obligated to maintain and abide by the Constitution, and, in my opinion, no deviations or modifications should be permitted, even by the Grand Master himself, unless some extraordinary circumstance arises which makes it imperative that he should do so. We are a democratic institution; every member of the Order has a share, directly or indirectly, in the compilation of our Constitution and once that Constitution has been adopted by Grand Lodge its provisions and requirements should be rigidly adhered to. If modifications are deemed necessary from time to time there is an appropriate way in which it can be made to synchronize with our requirements.

INVITATIONS

I received an invitation to be present at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, which was held in Regina, but I regret my inability to be present and I am obligated to M. W. Bro. Selwood who so ably represented this Grand Lodge on that occasion. I was also invited to be present at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, which met at Guelph. This I was also compelled to decline.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I am pleased to report that I was privileged to fulfil the promise made to you at my installation, that, if at all possible, I would visit every district in the jurisdiction. Together with M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, I was present at every District Meeting and I can unhesitatingly say that every meeting was a decided success both in attendance and in the interest shown by the brethren. At every place we were most cordially received by the District Deputy Grand Master and the brethren. The social side was more than generously attended to, and the brethren spared no pains to make our stay among them characteristically hospitable.

At each meeting the first degree was exemplified and in every case the work was efficiently performed. I am glad to note that as a result of these interesting and instructive District Meetings the work is becoming more uniform. These meetings seem to fill a long felt want, and I trust that they will be continued from year to year.

We also had the pleasure of listening to lectures of absorbing interest by various brethren throughout the jurisdiction. These lectures were of an educational nature and were much enjoyed by all who were privileged to hear them.

VISITATIONS

On June 9, 1927, accompanied by M.W. Bro. Smith, Grand Master of Saskatchewan, M.W. Bro. Taylor and R.W. Bro. McCracken, I visited Ashlar Lodge. A very pleasant evening was spent by all in the lodge room and at the banquet table, and we had the pleasure of listening to a very able and instructive address by M.W. Bro. Smith. On June 24th, with M.W. Bro. Taylor, I visited Vermilion Lodge, the occasion being the joint installation of the officers of Vermilion, Hope and Kilwinning Lodges, which ceremony was performed by M.W. Bro. Taylor, after which we were right royally entertained at a banquet provided by Vermilion Lodge and their ladies. On June 28th, I visited Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, being accompanied again by M.W. Bro. Taylor, and witnessed the conferring of the third degree by the Worshipful Master in a very able manner. On June 30th, I visited Strathcona Lodge, No. 77, the occasion being their "Confederation Night." There were also present at this gathering: M.W. Bros. Braithwaite and H. C. Taylor, R.W. Bro. Mitchell, D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Snedden, J.G.W., R.W. Bros. Henning, Downey and McCreath, and the banquet table was graced by the presence of Lieutenant-Governor Egbert, Ex-Premier Rutherford, Attorney-General Lymburn, His Worship Mayor Bury, also Professor Miller and Dean Kerr of Alberta University. The hall was appropriately decorated, and the "Confederation Night" idea was splendidly carried out in speech and song. This night will not soon be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

On December 27th, I had the pleasure of being present at Summit Lodge No. 30, and assisting R.W. Bro. Chrichton to install the officers of Sentinel, Summit and Rocky Mountain Lodges. Joint installation by these lodges will become a regular event I hope.

On December 28th, I was privileged to dedicate the new lodge room of Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, at Okotoks. Assisting me on this occasion were: M.W. Bro. Taylor, V.W. Bro. Brown, S.G.D., R.W. Bros. Knowles and Hodson. After the dedication ceremony was completed, the new officers were installed by M.W. Bro. Taylor, assisted by R.W. Bro. Knowles as Director of Ceremonies. The brethren of Corinthian Lodge are to be commended on the splendid result of their efforts to provide themselves with suitable quarters. They have now accommodation equal to any on the jurisdiction and I am sure it is a source of much gratification to those brethren who labored so hard to bring this about.

On March 20th, I visited Unity Lodge in Edmonton. This being their Past Masters' Night, R.W. Bro. McIntosh presided in the East and conferred the Master Mason's degree on three candidates in such a manner as to leave a lasting impression on their memories. The brethren did everything possible to make my visit enjoyable and,

needless to say, were quite successful for I feel sure that I made many friends on this occasion.

DECISIONS

Several questions were presented to me but none of a serious nature, and all were disposed of by reference to the Constitution.

I would suggest to the brethren that when any question requires to be settled, you refer to your Constitution and in most cases the answer will be found there so that it will not be necessary to apply to the Grand Master for a decision.

BENEVOLENCE

The Benevolent Fund has met every claim made upon it and still shows a healthy growth, both in the financial and benevolent aspects of this worthy cause. Reports on this phase of our work will be submitted by the committee in charge. I wish to thank the members of the Committee on Benevolence for their faithful attention to their duties during the year.

Before closing, I wish to announce that, owing to the removal from the Province of W. Bro. Morris, District Deputy Grand Master elect of District No. 8, it will be necessary for the brethren of the district to elect a new D.D.G.M.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, brethren, I wish again to express to you my appreciation and gratitude for the great honor you conferred on me when you entrusted me with the office of Grand Master. I have endeavored in my humble way to uphold the honor of the Craft, and in all my decisions I have acted in what I considered to be the best interests of the Fraternity. I have enjoyed to the fullest extent my going in and out among you during my term of office, and I trust you will, in the true Masonic spirit, overlook my shortcomings; and, finally, my brethren, may the Great Architect of the Universe continue to watch over us all.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. E. CRUICKSHANK,

Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), "That the Grand Master's address as presented, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and telegrams were read from the following brethren, expressing their regret at being unable to attend the Annual Communication, and wishing Grand Lodge a most successful meeting: M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; M.W. Bro. A. M. Manson, P.G.M., of British Columbia; M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. T. Rankine, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Queensland; V.W. Bro. G. S. Armstrong,

Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma; R.W. Bro. F. H. Sutherland, and V.W. Bro. D. Hope, also a telegram from R.W. Bro. C. C. Hunt, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, extending fraternal greetings.

A telegram was directed by the M.W. the Grand Master to be dispatched as follows:

Calgary, June 13, 1928.

James A. Ovas,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Winnipeg.

Grand Lodge of Alberta in Twenty-third Annual Communication sends filial and fraternal greetings to our mother Grand Lodge in session. May the work go forward.

GEO. E. CRUICKSHANK,
Grand Master.

The M.W. the Grand Master announced that he had extended an invitation to M.W. Bro. Leon M. Abbott, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at present a visitor in Banff, to be our guest at this communication, to which the following reply had been received:

Banff Springs Hotel,
June 13, 1928.

George E. Cruickshank,
Grand Master of Masons in Alberta,
Calgary.

Deeply appreciate your fraternal greetings. Earnestly hope that your meeting will be a most happy and successful one. I am so sorry I could not be present. My complete recovery of health is made doubly certain by my stay in your beautiful province.

LEON M. ABBOTT.

It was resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), "That the following telegram be sent M.W. Bro. Abbott."

Calgary, June 13, 1928.

Leon M. Abbott,
Banff Springs Hotel,
Banff.

Grand Lodge of Alberta in session regrets your inability to be present. Sends fraternal greetings and best wishes for your speedy recovery.

GEO. E. CRUICKSHANK,
Grand Master.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, May 25, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Bro.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. on the condition of Masonry as I found it in the sixteen lodges in District No. 1 for the term June 19th, 1927, to June 13th, 1928.

On my appointment to the high office of D.D.G.M. of the First Masonic District, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I determined to visit every lodge in the district at least twice so that I might meet the officers of both years and witness the quality of work each were capable of doing. This has been accomplished.

My first official act was to enlist the services of W. Bro. George Ellis of Concord Lodge No. 124, as District Secretary and the assistance which he has rendered has been invaluable. I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks for his untiring efforts.

Outstanding dues received attention and it is pleasing to report quite an improvement.

It has been a pleasure to witness the ceremonies of conferring degrees as well as the business sessions in the several lodges and I am pleased to report that the Masters, Wardens and other officers have shown careful preparation in all their work.

The social side of the Order has been attended to during the year. Many social evenings have been enjoyed by the brethren, their wives and lady friends. Many fraternal visits have been made by the different lodges, thus developing the true Masonic friendship.

The condition of Masonry in this district is most satisfactory. Every lodge is active and the future is bright, but greater than this, harmony prevails in every lodge.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting of District No. 1 was held in the Al Azhar Temple, Saturday, November 19th, 1927.

There was an exceptionally good attendance at both the afternoon and evening sessions. The meeting was attended by Most Wor. Bro. Geo. Cruickshanks, Grand Master and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, as well as several past Grand Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The E. A. Degree was exemplified by the Officers of Zetland Lodge No. 83, after which W. Bro. Neve received the congratulations of the

Grand Master and the D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. S. L. McCracken, for the splendid manner in which the degree was conferred.

The "Question Drawer" brought out an exceptional amount of discussion and many questions pertaining to Masonry in general were answered by M.W. Bros. Taylor and Connacher, Custodians of the Work, to the satisfaction of all concerned, after which a few remarks by M.W. Bro. Cruickshank brought the afternoon session to a close.

The evening session opened with the reading of reports from the representatives of the several lodges in District No. 1, regarding their activities and finances for 1927. These all pointed to the fact that Masonry was in a very healthy condition in District No. 1 which drew favorable comment from M.W. Bro. Cruickshank at the commencement of his splendid address to which the brethren listened with rapt attention.

This address was followed by a most masterly oration by the Bro. (Rev.) W. E. Avison on the romance and history of Masonry, this being immediately followed with an address entitled "The Objective of Masonry and How it is Obtained," given by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor in his usual eloquent style. All the above addresses were masterpieces and the brethren were more than repaid in making an effort in attending the evening session.

The election for the D.D.G.M. followed the addresses and on the ballot being taken W. Bro. A. Davison was declared elected for District No. 1 for the year 1928-29, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Master.

The meeting was brought to a close with a few remarks by R.W. Bro. S. L. McCracken who thanked all the brethren who had worked so well in making the meeting a success. The lodge was closed in harmony by the officers of Bow River Lodge No. 1, after which the brethren repaired to the banquet room where an ample banquet was partaken of by some two hundred brethren, followed by speeches and music.

BOW RIVER LODGE, No. 1

Accompanied by W. Bro. Ellis we visited Bow River Lodge September 21st. The E. A. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Lebeau in a very efficient manner.

This is the senior lodge in the jurisdiction and the mother lodge of many brethren scattered over this province and the Dominion.

The books are in capable hands and the lodge is fortunate in having such a good officers. Since my first visit I learned with deep regret of the death of Bro. Cowling who had been ailing for a while and whose death came as a great shock to all. Bow River has certainly lost a faithful brother.

On January 18th I again visited this lodge. The new officers were in their places and the exemplifying of the E. A. degree was done in the most creditable manner, Wor. Bro. Haddow doing all the work of the Master's Chair. The attendance was good and splendid harmony prevails amongst the brethren.

CASCADE LODGE, No. 5

On Friday, June 10th, I had the pleasure of accompanying you, Most Worshipful Sir, and other officers of Grand Lodge to a Special

Communication of Grand Lodge held in Banff, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the United Church.

My official visit was made August 10th, accompanied by Bro. J. T. McDonald and R.W. Bro. (Rev.) Marsh, the M.M. degree being conferred by the Worshipful Master and his officers. Banff brethren certainly take a great pride in their work.

My second visit was made April 11th, accompanied by Bro. R. G. Lebeau, Bro. Leslie Irwin, Bro. Geo. Ellis and Bro. W. Hall, of Bow River Lodge, to whom our thanks are due for furnishing transportation on this occasion. W. B. Childe received us with honors and I had the pleasure of conducting the business and conferring the M.M. degree on three candidates.

Cascade is doing well, the finances being in good shape. The only criticism I had to make was that the Historical Register had not been kept up to date, in fact, it had not been attended to since 1922. This matter is now receiving the attention of W. B. Liggat.

PERFECTION LODGE, No. 9

Perfection Lodge was the third lodge I visited on my first round of visits, and on June 31st, accompanied by W. B. Ellis, we found it was a business meeting, but at your request, Most Worshipful Sir, I invested V.W. Bro. John Brown as Senior Grand Deacon.

The warmth of the welcome accorded me, combined with the knowledge that these brethren had elected me as their Worshipful Master some few years ago, and this added opportunity to be of more service to the Craft of this district made me feel humble, yet it was a great inspiration for me to give my best effort.

July 5th was Past Masters' Night, the Chair being occupied by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher and W. Bro. Geo. Skene. The third degree was exemplified in a splendid manner, M.W. Bro. Connacher excelling himself after being away for so many years from the active working of degrees.

On February 6th, I again visited Perfection Lodge, the first degree being exemplified by W. Bro. Leslie Irwin and his officers in a manner worthy of special mention, as this was the first time the Worshipful Master had conferred a degree since his installation. W. Bro. Irwin is the first Native Son of Calgary to have occupied the Chair of King Solomon in Perfection Lodge.

CALGARY LODGE, No. 23

On October 7th I visited the above lodge, this being a regular meeting. W. Bro. Thompson exhibited ability in handling the business of the lodge with promptitude and dispatch. The books are in capable hands and the brethren are rallying around their officers.

My second visit was made on April 6th, and despite the fact it was Good Friday night, there was a splendid attendance of the brethren at the social hour held after the lodge meeting. A marked feeling of fraternalism was very much in evidence.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 28

Accompanying you, Most Worshipful Sir, and several of the Grand Lodge Officers, I had the pleasure of visiting Ashlar on the evening of

June 9th. The warmth of the welcome given you, as you stood on the threshold of your year of office was of great encouragement to me.

September 22nd was the date of my official visit and I was received with the utmost cordiality by the officers and members. The exemplifying of the degree proved that Ashlar know their work and do it well.

My second visit was made on March 22nd. W. Bro. McIlroy exemplified the M. M. degree in a most pleasing manner. There is a striking brotherly feeling in this lodge and the attention given to visitors is very noticeable.

GLEICHEN LODGE, No. 36

My first visit to Gleichen will live in my memory. Starting from Calgary early in the evening for the run of about sixty miles and hoping to reach there about 8:30 p.m., disappointment was early apparent. Instead of a Ford car a boat would have been more useful. However, under the guidance of Bro. Frisken our party reached their destination about 11 p.m. The brethren had given up hope of seeing the D.D.G.M. and were about to go home when we arrived. There was a large attendance, considering the distance some of the brethren had come over roads that were almost impassable.

The books and finances of this lodge are in good shape and the officers are fully alive to their duties.

April 3rd, 1928, again found me visiting Gleichen. The roads being in bad condition with snow, I travelled by train. W. Bro. Lewis met me at the train and entertained me until lodge time. This was a Regular Meeting and I was particularly struck by the large attendance of the brethren. After the meeting the ladies put in an appearance, which swelled the numbers considerably. W. Bro. Lewis has inaugurated a social program after the meeting to which the ladies of the brethren are invited. This was Bachelors' Night and they certainly carried out their part of the program with zeal and precision, and there is no doubt that the Social Evening will be voted a great success by all concerned.

The degrees are conferred at the emergent meetings. A splendid spirit of harmony prevails amongst the brethren.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 41

Having a very warm place in my heart for King Solomon Lodge and knowing some of the difficulties that beset them, it seemed to be my duty to select it for the first of my official visits. W. Bro. Bryant and his officers conferred the E. A. degree in a most efficient manner.

My second visit was made August 11th and although there were some very distinguished members from Overseas visiting Calgary, a large number of Perfection and Calgary Lodge members accompanied me. The M. M. degree was exemplified by the Master and Officers and would have been a credit to a city lodge.

This lodge had on this occasion a real sprig of Acacia and I doubt if any other lodge in this jurisdiction can make claim to such a possession.

The work of the Secretary should be made known to the brethren of this district, for his efforts in collecting the dues 100 per cent have kept the finances in good shape.

March 3rd again found me visiting King Solomon Lodge, accompanied by R. W. Bro. McHugh, W. Bro. Irwin and officers and members of Perfection Lodge. This being a regular meeting, no degrees were conferred. W. Bro. Nicoll conducted the business with dispatch, after which the brethren retired to the banquet room, where a very pleasant evening came to a close, all too soon.

STRATHMORE LODGE, No. 53

Accompanied by W. Bro. Montgomery and officers and members of King George Lodge to the extent of six carloads, I visited Strathmore Lodge on June 20th. The M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates by W. Bro. Wood, assisted by W. Bros. Montgomery and Black. The weather was ideal, which enabled a large number of brethren from distant lodges to visit also.

Strathmore Lodge is forging ahead and with no debt on their lodge room they are turning their attention to improvements on the grounds adjoining.

On April 2nd, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Selwood and the Worshipful Master, officers and members of Ashlar Lodge, I again visited this lodge, W. Bro. McIlroy conferring the M. M. degree by request, assisted by M. W. Bro. Selwood and W. Bro. McLeod. The degree was exemplified in a splendid manner and must have been an inspiration to the brethren of Strathmore. Fraternal visits such as these are a stimulus to the country lodges and I would suggest that the city lodges do more of it.

The books of the lodge are in fine shape and the members enthusiastic.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE, No. 54

This was the first of my visits after the summer recess. A good attendance of brethren greeted me, W. Bro. Lees conducting the business of the evening in a very pleasing manner. It was heartening to see so many past masters in attendance, as it strengthens the hands of the Worshipful Master considerably.

On March 27th my second visit was made. The M. M. degree was conferred by W. Bro. McKechnie.

Mount Lebanon has enthusiastic members and the lodge is very active in all things Masonic.

KING GEORGE LODGE, No. 59

My visits to King George were many and each time their welcome was an endeavor to surpass that of the former occasion. The lodge has had many Special Nights during the year and the interest thus generated is of the most beneficial nature.

During the year 1927 this lodge has balanced its budget, paid off a substantial amount from the building fund and is looking forward to doing even better in 1928. The efficient service of the Secretary of this lodge is due special mention, everything being up to the minute in his records.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 83

My first official visit to this lodge was made on July 8th. It was a very hot, sultry evening, being the last meeting before the summer

recess, and taking this into consideration, there was a large attendance. The M. M. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Cunningham with the assistance of the Past Masters, everyone doing their work splendidly.

On November 19th, at our District Meeting, W. Bro. Rex Neve and the officers of Zetland Lodge conferred the E. A. degree in a manner that received the favorable comment of yourself, Most Worshipful Sir.

My second visit was on March 19th, the Fellowcraft degree being conferred by W. Bro. Patterson. The manner in which this degree was exemplified could not fail to impress the candidate.

The social and fraternal spirit of this lodge is apparent to visitors and makes one look forward to another visit.

CRESCENT LODGE, No. 87

It has been my privilege to visit this lodge several times and on each occasion it has seemed more enjoyable than the former.

I first visited officially on October 18th. There was no degree work, it being the regular meeting, but there was a large and enthusiastic number of the brethren to greet me.

This lodge, like one other lodge in the city, features National Nights and the brethren enter wholeheartedly into the spirit of the occasion. It was my privilege to again visit Crescent Lodge on January 24th.

This was "Scotch Nicht," the Scotch brethren being there in large numbers. The music and refreshments for the occasion were of the Scotch variety.

This lodge owns its own hall and is almost free of debt. Many calls for benevolence have been received during the year and the brethren have responded liberally.

ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 118

My first official visit in the city was made to St. Mark's Lodge and the reception tendered me as your representative, most Worshipful Sir, was very warm indeed. W. Bro. Ellis accompanied me. The M. M. degree was conferred on a splendid manner and the candidates must have been impressed with the beauty and solemnity of the proceedings.

My second visit was made on February 27th. W. Bro. McCulloch and his new officers conferred the degree in an excellent manner. The books and Historical Register of this lodge are kept right up to date, the collection of outstanding dues receiving strict attention from those in charge and the lodge is to be congratulated on the splendid showing.

Since my official visit St. Mark's Lodge have taken a forward step and have let the contract for the erection of their own Masonic Hall. This hall will be completed before the expiration of their present lease and the brethren are rejoicing over the prospects. It was a source of great pleasure to me to receive the request of St. Mark's Lodge to arrange with you, Most Worshipful Sir, to have their corner stone laid on June 2nd.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 124

August 27th found me visiting Concord Lodge officially. The E. A. degree was conferred, after which I had the opportunity to address the brethren.

My second visit was on March 23rd, accompanied by the late M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. W. Bro. Gibson received us in a most cordial manner. There was a large attendance of the brethren and the Master was ably supported by his Past Masters.

Concord Lodge has the unique record of having all its Past Masters, with the exception of one who resides outside the city, attend every meeting.

RENFREW LODGE, No. 134

During the year Renfrew has featured a program of Masonic addresses and instruction to the brethren and it is pleasing to see the interest that the younger members are taking in the proceedings of the Lodge.

My first visit was made on October 13th. The attendance was small, counter attractions and sickness being undoubtedly the cause.

March 14th found me visiting for the second time. This was a Regular Meeting and the business was handled in a very able manner by the Wor. Master. All records are well kept and the finances are in good shape.

The joviality of the brethren during the social hour that followed gave me the clue to the splendid attendance at the meeting and the kindly feeling that existed.

STANDARD LODGE, U.D.

Most Worshipful Sir, it was at your request that I journeyed to Standard and instituted this lodge on the 6th day of January. This dispensation showed sixteen brethren, but the lodge room was filled with visitors from Chancellor, Hussar, Rockyford and Rosebud, who came to extend their assistance and greetings to the new lodge. A very enthusiastic spirit prevailed at the meeting and the brethren have a full knowledge of their responsibility. W. Bro. Williams will be ably assisted by his officers and my opinion is that this lodge will meet a very great need and be a worthy addition to Grand Lodge. The members have subscribed and paid for all the appointments necessary for the proper working and efficiency of their lodge.

On Tuesday, May 15th, accompanied by W. Bro. Ellis, I made a second official visit, the third degree being exemplified and three candidates were raised. The work was exceptionally well done.

The books have been duly inspected and found in first class order and have been returned to Grand Lodge for inspection along with dispensation. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I recommend to Grand Lodge that a Charter be issued to Standard Lodge.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that I received a request from the brethren representing eight city lodges that you be requested, Most Wor. Sir, to lay the corner stone of the Calgary Masonic Temple on June 13th and I know it will afford you as much pleasure in performing this ceremony as it does me in forwarding the request of the brethren to you.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 1 for the confidence expressed in selecting me as District Deputy Grand Master, and to you, Most Worshipful Sir, for confirming same.

I wish also to express my thanks to all the brethren who accompanied me on my visits and for the use of cars for transportation.

Fraternally submitted,

S. L. McCracken,
D.D.G.M. District No. 1

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Medicine Hat, May 15th, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report for the Second Masonic District covering the past year.

At the District Meeting held in Bassano on October 1, 1926, the late W Bro. Hugh Stainsleigh was elected D.D.G.M for the district and through his regrettable and untimely death on April 14, 1927, the district lost a distinguished representative. The lodges of the district honored me at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge by electing me as his successor.

During my term of office I have visited all but one of the lodges in the district and I expect to complete my visits before my successor enters upon the duties of his office. It gives me great pleasure to report upon the healthy and prosperous condition of the Craft throughout the district. I refer not only to material prosperity but more particularly to continued growth of true Masonry evidenced in each and every lodge I have visited. It is to be observed that the lodges recognize that the exercise of benevolence is their duty as much as it is the duty of Grand Lodge as is shown by the maintenance by most of them of benevolent funds which are freely drawn upon when occasion requires. The old problem of arrears of dues is again outstanding except in the case of Hussar Lodge No. 130 whose membership is fully paid up, and I feel that Grand Lodge should take some steps to assist or compel subordinate lodges to remedy this situation. I notice, however, that several of the lodges have exercised their powers in this respect. Economic conditions in this district have contributed to a large extent to this problem.

It has been a great and real pleasure to me, in paying my official visits to notice the warm, sincere welcome which I received and to be able to gauge therefrom the loyalty of the subordinate lodges to Grand Lodge. Another great source of pleasure and assistance was the co-operation of the members of the various lodges, who accompanied me on my visits. On the whole, Masonry in District No. 2 is in splendid condition, and is in the hands of those who can be depended on to make still greater progress.

DISTRICT MEETING

On September 30th last the District Meeting was held at Medicine Hat and I am gratified to report that every lodge in the district was represented. The lodge was opened by Mizpah Lodge No. 35, the opening being followed by the reception of your representatives in

usual form. The Grand Master and the late M.W. Bro. S.Y. Taylor, Custodian of the Work were received with grand honors and accorded a very hearty welcome. After the reading and approval of the minutes of the last District Meeting the lodge was addressed by the late Most Wor. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Wor. Bro. Elliott, of Brooks Lodge and Bro. Peter McQueen, of Mizpah Lodge, No. 35. Each of the speakers chose a subject relative to the First Degree and all created a deep impression on the members present. It is indeed helpful to the D.D.G.M. to know that within his own district there are those who have the learning and ability to undertake work of this kind and above all who are willing to devote the time to the instruction and edification of the members. After questions regarding esoteric work were asked and answered the lodge called off and all present had an opportunity of meeting the Grand Master. At the evening session the first order of business was the election of the D.D.G.M. and the district did honor to itself in selecting for that office W. Bro. C. C. Elliott, of Brooks. His election was warmly received by the brethren. Perhaps the most impressive event of the whole meeting was the exemplification of the first degree by Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2. Rarely have I seen the work performed so perfectly in its outward form and at the same time with such solemnity, leaving the whole meeting with a sense of the true meaning of our ancient and honorable Craft. This splendid meeting was closed by Quarry Lodge, No. 70, after we had listened to a splendid and inspiring address by M.W. Bro. Cruickshank whose kindly genial presence contributed so materially to the success of the occasion.

INSTALLATION

I had the honor of installing the officers of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, Mizpah Lodge, No. 35, and Quarry Lodge, No. 70, at a joint meeting on St. John's night. The ceremony was followed by a banquet and entertainment.

MIZPAH LODGE, No. 35

My first official visit was made to this, my own lodge, on September 20, 1927, when the officers conferred the third degree. I do not think I am prejudiced when I say that the officers of this lodge maintain the highest possible standard and it is always a pleasure to see their work. The lodge is prosperous, has an active sick and visiting committee, maintains a benevolent fund and generally is forging ahead. Its books and records are splendidly kept by Bro. Stevens.

QUARRY LODGE, No. 70

In company with a large number of Medicine Hat brethren I visited this lodge in October, 1927. I had the pleasure of seeing the third degree conferred by the Past Masters with the sitting Master in the East. Perhaps the work was not word perfect but it had the more important quality of sincerity and on its performance the lodge is to be congratulated. The members have just purchased their hall and are making steady progress. The books and records are well kept by W. Bro. Stone. This lodge has never maintained a separate benevolent fund although it has not been inactive in this department of the work. On the occasion of my visit steps were taken which resulted in the lodge being able to open a benevolent account on the following morning.

BASSANO LODGE, No. 55

On November 1st I visited this lodge where I again met P.D.D.G.M. Wight and had the pleasure of presenting him with the regalia of his office on behalf of the district as a mark of appreciation of the excellent

services rendered by him. In common with the other lodges in the district Bassano is fortunate in having an energetic and capable secretary who keeps its books and records in splendid condition. This lodge has acquired new premises and is busy remodelling them for lodge work. Progress and prosperity are in evidence and our best traditions are safe in the keeping of this lodge. The third degree was conferred by the officers in a way which left no room for criticism.

BROOKS LODGE, No. 73

It was only the inclement weather which prevented a large number of Medicine Hat brethren from accompanying me when I paid my official visit here on November 15th, 1927. Under the direction of W. Bro. Archibald the third degree was conferred and again I could find only words of praise, none of criticism. This lodge is fortunate in that it has a substantial benevolent fund without having any calls made upon it. The lodge has splendid commodious premises which it owns free of debt and is altogether in a prosperous happy state. The fact that R. W. Bro. Anderson has care of its books and records is a sufficient voucher for their accuracy and splendid condition. I was warmly welcomed and it is a matter of regret to me that I was unable to accept an invitation to visit this lodge again in my official capacity.

MEDICINE HAT LODGE, No. 2

On November 22nd, 1927, I visited the oldest lodge in the district, Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, where I am as much at home as I am in my own lodge. As was to be expected there was a record attendance and a warm welcome for me. Here again we have a lodge whose officers are of the very highest type, men who can be depended upon to uphold and maintain the traditions of our order at the highest level. Active committees, benevolence and visiting the sick are a feature of this lodge's work and R. W. Bro. Williams maintains the high standard of this district in keeping the books and records. Superlatives are almost required to describe the third degree conferred by the officers on the occasion of my visit, and at the same time solemnity and sincerity were not sacrificed for mere ritual. I am deeply indebted to the officers and members of this lodge for the assistance they have given to me in the past year for their uniform kindness and courtesy to me.

SUFFIELD LODGE, No. 85

I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 2nd, 1928. Unfortunately conditions were such that it was impossible to get a quorum and a meeting could not be held. On account of the depopulation of the surrounding district this lodge is having quite a struggle and even most of its active members live at great distances, making regular attendance difficult. Although I did not see the lodge at work I know the officers to be capable and proficient. What the lodge lacks in members is amply compensated for in quality. It is only true Masonry that can survive under such conditions and I must congratulate this faithful group of workers. The lodge books and records are well kept.

HUSSAR LODGE, No. 130

Accompanied by the P. D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Wight, and other members from Bassano, I visited this lodge on May 14th. It is with much pleasure that I report on this most energetic go-ahead lodge. It owns its hall, not fully paid for, but that is only a matter of time—has not a single member in arrears of dues and has an average attendance of well over fifty per cent. Again we find a secretary whose books and records are a pleasure to inspect, and to whom his work is a real

joy. From such a lodge I expected splendid work and was not disappointed when the third degree was conferred by the officers. It was not word-perfect perhaps, but it had every other quality which we expect to see. The youngest lodge in the district has a record of achievement which others might well emulate.

BOW ISLAND LODGE, No. 64

I visited this lodge on May 25th, 1928, when the third degree was conferred by the officers of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, assisted by the Wor. Master of the lodge. This lodge too, has suffered through the depopulation of the district and the officers felt that they should have the numerical assistance of Medicine Hat Lodge in conferring the degree. The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Rasmussen, assisted and showed splendid proficiency in his work and I am assured that all the officers are energetic and efficient. I had no opportunity of examining the books and records of the lodge. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presence of so many visitors from both Medicine Hat lodges, and from the lodges in Redcliff, Foremost, Grassy Lake and Taber. To a lodge handicapped such as this such an evidence of interest by other lodges is a great encouragement and help.

GRASSY LAKE LODGE, No. 57

I have not yet visited this lodge but hope to do so within the next two weeks. Handicapped as it is by reduced and scattered membership it still maintains Masonic tradition on a high level. I am assured by those who are in a position to judge that its officers are energetic and are proficient in their work.

In conclusion may I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the members of the district who honored me by electing me to this office and who by their assistance, co-operation and kindness have made my tenure of office one of great pleasure. No contentious questions have arisen, no unpleasant decisions have been required from me, and I trust that my successor in office will meet with the same good fortune.

Fraternally submitted,

G. M. BLACKSTOCK,
D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 30, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy for District No. 3, as follows:

STAR OF THE WEST LODGE, No. 34

On Tuesday evening, February 7th, I paid my official visit to this lodge when the W.M., W. Bro. C. B. Kidd and his officers, exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner.

It was my pleasure to visit this lodge unofficially several times during my year of office. Masonry in general and this lodge in par-

ticular suffered a great loss by the death of R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry during the year. As the first W.M. and a most practical Mason he will be greatly missed.

The books of the lodge are well kept and financial standing good, but no historical register has been kept to date. The W.M. has promised me that a serious effort will be made to bring this up to date.

COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 81

On the evening of Saturday, April 7th, it was my privilege to officially visit this lodge when the second degree was put on very ably by the regular officers. The books are well kept and the financial standing satisfactory. I was also able to avail myself of other opportunities to visit them during the year. Efficiency marks all their work.

EDMONTON LODGE, No. 7

On Tuesday, April 10th, I paid my official visit to this, my mother lodge, and as this was a regular meeting no degree work was attempted.

I had many opportunities of seeing the work during the year which was uniformly good. The records reflect the methodical care of Wor. Bro. F. Barnhouse, and the financial standing of the lodge is excellent.

UNITY LODGE, No. 51

On Tuesday, May 15th, I officially visited this lodge when the second degree was exemplified in a thorough manner. Wor. Bro. Roe is fortunate in having the support of a great many enthusiastic Past Masters, including R.W. Bro. McIntosh as secretary. The books and financial standing of this lodge are in a particularly healthy condition. The lodge room, however, is altogether inadequate to their numbers.

PALESTINE LODGE, No. 46

On Wednesday, May 16th, it was my pleasure to visit this lodge when the second degree was exemplified, most of the regular officers being present. Everything passed off smoothly, but would suggest more degree practice.

DYNAMIC LODGE, No. 96

On Thursday, May 17th, I paid my official visit to this lodge, when the first degree was put on by the regular officers in a very efficient manner. This lodge has established a special benevolent fund upon which it is to be congratulated. General finances and condition of books are good.

GRATTON LODGE, No. 144

On Monday evening, May 21st, I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge officially, when the first degree was exemplified by the regular officers in a competent manner.

While they have good quarters, it seems impossible to secure proper ventilation. Bro. R. Marshall Campbell, the secretary, has the books well kept, with financial condition fairly good.

VICTORY LODGE, No. 112

On Tuesday evening, May 22nd, I travelled to Jarrow and had the privilege of officially visiting the lodge. No candidate was available,

so a junior member acted while the regular officers put on the second degree. I recommended more degree practice to which the W. M. agreed. They have a comfortable, well furnished lodge room at this point, and I was pleased to note the interchange of visits and apparent good feeling which existed between the brethren of Irma and Jarrow, which are situated only seven miles apart. The condition of the books is good and the financial position fairly so.

CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 69

On Friday, May 18th, I paid my official visit to this lodge. As there was no candidate available and in the absence of the W. M. and S. W. it was decided not to exemplify any degree work. The two senior officers of this lodge found it necessary for business reasons to move away shortly after the year started. Thanks, however, to their Past Masters the work of the lodge has not suffered. Wor. Bro. Finch is Secretary and has the books in good shape and the financial standing is good. No historical record has been kept to date, but I have received definite assurance that this will be undertaken from the date of dispensation.

BUFFALO PARK LODGE, No. 44

On Wednesday evening, May 23rd, I made an official visit to this lodge, where the work of the first degree was splendidly exemplified by Wor. Bro. Clipstone and his officers. The books and financial standing are good and the brethren are contemplating the erection of a Masonic Hall which I hope will be successful.

EDGERTON LODGE, No. 102

I was unsuccessful in arranging a date for a visit to this lodge, also Chauvin Lodge, No. 97, but have received their annual report and extracts are tabulated.

DISTRICT MEETING

A joint district meeting for Districts Nos. 3, 10 and 12 was held at Patricia Hall, 116th St., Edmonton, on Saturday afternoon and evening, October 15th, 1927, at which Wor. Bro. W. J. Craigen of Star of the West Lodge, No. 34, was elected as D.D.G.M. for the next term for District No. 3.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren for the honor extended in electing me to this high office and the unfailing courtesy shown me and which I know will be extended to my successor in office.

Fraternally submitted,

S. T. HUBBARD,

D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, May 8, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor of submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in the Fourth Masonic District for the year ending June, 1928.

In commencing it is indeed a pleasure to take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of this district who have so shown their con-

fidence in me to have elected me to the high office of D.D.G.M. I wish particularly to express here my sincere appreciation for the assistance rendered me by W. Bro. W. A. Pryor of Carstairs, whom I appointed District Secretary, and who accompanied me on several of my official visits.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Kenilworth, No. 29, Red Deer—May 1, 1928.

Red Deer, No. 12, Red Deer—April 10, 1928.

Carstairs, No. 20, Carstairs—September 8, 1927.

Mountain View, No. 16, Olds—September 9, 1927.

Eureka Lodge, No. 10, Lacombe—November 2, 1927.

Britannia Lodge, No. 18, Ponoka—November 3, 1927.

Kitchener Lodge, No. 95, Rimbey—November 4, 1927.

Crossfield Lodge, No. 48, Crossfield—November 8, 1927.

Bowden Lodge, No. 42, Bowden—March 6, 1928.

Innisfail Lodge, No. 8, Innisfail—March 15, 1928.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 21, Didsbury—April 3, 1928.

Lochearn Lodge, U.D., Rocky Mountain House—Instituted December 14, 1927.

I was enabled to visit every lodge once officially, although I visited several of the lodges several times socially, and it was my privilege to see each of the three degrees worked on many occasions. It was indeed interesting on my visit to King Hiram Lodge, No. 21, to hear R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey, of Ashlar Lodge, give an address on Masonry. There is a very friendly spirit prevailing in the Fourth Masonic District and the lodges are to be commended for their exchange of visits.

During the year there were 35 members initiated, 3 restored, 15 affiliated, 19 dimitted and only 7 suspended for N.P.D., 1 for other causes. Six of the lodges suffered losses by death of members and all have felt the great loss of our late Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. The average attendance for all lodges is 20, which when considering the fact that many of the members are farmers, shows that interest is being kept up. Only two lodges own their lodge rooms but several are now actively engaged in finding ways and means of procuring their own buildings. The arrears of dues continues high, but as the figures are taken at the end of each year the amounts are at the peak and in the Fourth Masonic District the amount at time of this report is greatly reduced. The amount paid out for relief shows a substantial reduction of over a year ago. The total assets of the lodges in the district shows a gain of about \$3,000.00, now standing at \$25,000.00.

Taken as a whole, Masonry is in a flourishing condition in the Fourth Masonic District.

CARSTAIRS LODGE, No. 20

I visited Carstairs on September 8, 1927, and being my home lodge received a very hearty welcome. During the evening W. Bro. C. Stuart, in the absence of the Master, conferred the first degree, ably assisted by the regular officers of the lodge. This lodge is making a real effort to provide a suitable building of their own, and have over \$3,000.00 in hand at present for the purpose. The books and records are in a very satisfactory condition, in the hands of their Secretary, W. Bro. W. A. Pryor.

MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGE, No. 16

I visited this lodge on September 9th on the occasion of a fraternal visit from the members of King Hiram Lodge, No. 21. During the meeting two brethren were raised to the sublime degree, the work being ably performed by the regular officers. The books and records are in a very satisfactory condition.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 10

On the occasion of my visit to this lodge I was met by M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, P.G.M., who introduced me. As there was no degree work, W. Bro. Simpson, a pioneer member of Eureka Lodge, and a prominent citizen of the community, was called to the East and on the occasion of his departure from Lacombe was presented by M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, on behalf of the lodge, with a handsome Club Bag. In replying he gave some very interesting reminiscences of his experiences as a Medical Doctor in the Lacombe district thirty odd years ago, also as a member of the Town Council and School Board. At the close of the meeting M.W. Bro. Carrothers gave a most instructive address on "The Apron."

BRITANNIA LODGE, No. 18

On the occasion of this visit, I was accompanied by M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, R.W. Bro. W. A. Morgan, P.D.D.G.M. of Nova Scotia, and W. Bro. Bradbury, W.M. of Eureka Lodge, Lacombe. There was a good attendance and it was an enthusiastic meeting. The third degree was conferred by the regular officers, W. Bro. D. L. McCullough occupying the chair. The work was very well put on and M.W. Bro. Carruthers, who kindly consented to act as critic, had very little but favorable comment to make.

We were pleased to renew acquaintances with R.W. Bro. Bowker and V.W. Bro. Sayers.

The books and records are in good condition and Masonry is flourishing in Ponoka.

At the close of the meeting, I gave a short talk on the Masonic subject 3-5-7.

KITCHENER LODGE, No. 95

On my official visit to Kitchener Lodge on November 4, 1927, I had the pleasure of the company of M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, W. Bro. Bradbury, W. Bro. Myles and Bro. E. Mann, S.W. of Eureka Lodge. There was no degree work but we had a very interesting evening and renewed acquaintances with R.W. Bro. S. J. Byers and V.W. Bro. Renshaw. After the regular business of the meeting was completed, the meeting was thrown open for questions, which brought out some very instructive information. M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers then gave a delightful talk on "Early Masonry in Western Canada," and before the close I gave a talk on Masonry under the heading, "An Erring Brother." The books and records are well kept but we had a very serious talk on the matter of arrears of dues that has had a satisfactory result.

CROSSFIELD LODGE, No. 48

I made an official visit to Crossfield Lodge on November 8, 1927, accompanied by Bro. J. W. Munro, of Carstairs Lodge. Despite the very cold night there was a good attendance. There was no degree work, the candidate not arriving on account of the cold. A number of

interesting questions were brought up and discussed, also the matter of Crossfield Lodge having applied to be transferred from District No. 4 to District No. 1, owing to their proximity thereto, and being on the most southerly end of District No. 4. After the meeting the members joined in a general discussion for the betterment of Masonry in Crossfield, and they contemplate holding a social evening in the near future.

BOWDEN LODGE, No. 42

I made an official visit to this lodge on their regular meeting, March 6, 1928. Owing to several other attractions, the lodge was late in opening, but despite the bad roads and cold an enthusiastic meeting was held. R.W. Bro. Brewster assumed the chair and with the regular officers raised Bro. Ben Coleman to the sublime degree. The work was very well put on and the candidate was one of the best I have ever had the pleasure of seeing.

While Bowden is at a disadvantage by having such a small lodge room, Masonry is flourishing and they are endeavoring to arrange for more spacious premises. The books and records are in a satisfactory condition.

INNISFAIL LODGE, No. 8

On March 15, 1928, I made an official visit to Innisfail Lodge and was well received, being introduced by my predecessor in office, R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson. The brethren are very comfortably located in their new Temple erected in 1927, and owned by the lodge. This lodge building is one of the most complete in the district and other lodges contemplating the erection of a lodge room would do well to visit and examine the Innisfail Temple. Innisfail is one of the older lodges of the Province as will be observed by their number. Their original charter under the jurisdiction of Manitoba, was dated 1895.

As the candidate for initiation was unable to attend, W. Bro. S. A. Fox exemplified the first degree, assisted ably by the regular officers. The work was exceptionally well done. The books and records in the hands of R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Secretary, are well kept with the exception of the historical register, which is to receive early attention.

KING HIRAM LODGE, No. 21

On the occasion of my official visit to this lodge I was accompanied by Bro. J. W. Munro of Carstairs, and upon our arrival learned that R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey, of Ashlar Lodge, Calgary, was present to give a Masonic address, the subject being, "A Mason's attitude towards the Church, the State, a Man's House and His Family." This was indeed instructive and well received. The degree work had been postponed on account of the address. A very large attendance made the occasion most interesting. On the opening of his address, R.W. Bro. Chauncey made reference to the very great loss Masonry had sustained in the recent death of our late Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, and this loss was felt by all present.

The books and records are well kept by Bro. H. Morgan the Secretary. Particular mention might be made of their historical register, which is a loose leaf system, completed each year, and covers an interesting history of both the lodge and Didsbury district.

RED DEER LODGE, No. 12

I made an official visit to this lodge on their regular meeting, April 10, 1928, and received a very hearty welcome. W. Bro. Truman.

W.M., assisted by the regular officers, conferred the third degree on Bro. Pendergast in a most efficient manner. The charge given by M.W. Bro. Mitchell was particularly well rendered.

The brethren expressed their sincere regrets at the recent loss of our late Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.

The books and records are well kept, harmony is everywhere evident and Masonry is thriving in Red Deer.

KENILWORTH LODGE, No. 29

On Tuesday, May 1, 1928, I made an official visit to Kenilworth Lodge on their regular communication. M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill was present and gave an instructive address on Masonry, and referred very feelingly to the great loss sustained by the Order in Alberta in the recent death of our late Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. During the meeting the first degree was exemplified by the regular officers in a very efficient manner.

The books and records are in good condition and their historical register is a loose leaf system, typewritten and completed each year.

Before the meeting closed I gave a short address on "The Lesser Lights."

LOCHEARN LODGE, U.D.

At the request of the M.W. the Grand Master, I duly instituted Lochearn Lodge at Rocky Mountain House, on Wednesday, December 14, 1927. I was accompanied by W. Bro. C. Stone, of Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, who ably assisted. There were thirty-two present, including brethren from Calgary.

The majority of the petitioners were residing in or near Rocky Mountain House and the lodge fills a long felt want. The three principal officers, Bro. P. C. Routledge, W.M.; Bro. W. J. Kirby, S.W., and Bro. J. Horn, J.W., who with the other officers had their work exceptionally well prepared, are all keen and the prospects are indeed good for a successful lodge at Rocky Mountain House. A number of applications have been received and shall have attention at their regular meeting.

Special mention might be made of this event at Rocky Mountain House, which was another milestone added to the many related herein: Bro. W. J. Kirby, S.W., in his remarks stated that he had followed the history of the district with interest and that a Trading Post was established at the junction of the Saskatchewan and Clearwater rivers by John MacDonnell in 1802 and carried on under various factors until destroyed by fire in 1880 by the Indians. The ruins of that block-house still remain. The first survey was made in 1906 and in the Old Town in 1911. The C.N.R. steel arrived in 1912 and the C.P.R. to the present Townsite in 1914. A series of fires in 1923, a tornado in 1927 that demolished half the town, all now rebuilt in substantial brick buildings showed the indomitable spirit of the citizens to arise out of the ashes in a great and noble work and arrive at this milestone by the institution of a Masonic lodge in their midst.

At the close of the meeting all sat down to a delightful banquet where some interesting speeches were given, one of special mention by Bro. Jos. Kirby, father of the Senior Warden, who is in his 84th year and one of the oldest Masons in the Province.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Parish Hall at Red Deer on Thursday the 13th of November, 1927. The meeting was opened by Crossfield Lodge, No. 48, W. Bro. R. M. McCool presiding. I was then introduced by W. Bro. H. E. G. H. Scholefield and assumed the gavel. W. Bro. Scholefield then introduced the following Grand Lodge officers: M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary; M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, P.G.M.; M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M.; and R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., who were received with honors and escorted to the East.

The lodge was opened in the first degree and the officers of Carstairs Lodge, No. 20, under the direction of W. Bro. C. Stuart, assumed the chairs and exemplified the first degree. The work was well done and received some constructive criticism from M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Custodian of the Work. Following this a number of questions were answered by the Grand Lodge officers. A very interesting paper was then given by W. Bro. M. Smith, of Carstairs Lodge, on "Masonic Landmarks," which was well received and favorably commented upon by the Grand Master.

At 6:15 a sumptuous supper was served, after which labor was resumed under the direction of the officers of Kenilworth Lodge, No. 29, W. Bro. Sinclair in the Chair. Short interesting reports were given by the representatives of the eleven lodges in the district, following which the M.W. the Grand Master gave a very lucid address on the "Symbolisms of the First Degree." M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, based his address on the Lecture in the First Degree, which was given in his inimitable and instructive manner. R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson was presented with a P.D.D.G.M. Jewel and suitable responded.

W. Bro. J. A. McGhee, of King Hiram Lodge, No. 21, was elected as District Deputy Grand Master for the district, for 1928-1929 term, and Ponoka was selected as the place of meeting.

The meeting was closed in harmony at 10:30 p.m. by the officers of Kenilworth Lodge, No. 29.

The lodges in this district are all in a thriving condition, much credit being due to the Secretaries for the interest taken in Masonry. The Masters are all of a high standard and to them may be given the glory of spreading Masonry on that high plane which it has attained. Democracy must be taught to behave itself decently, and we should have sufficient religion to love each other. Masonry is at its best when it, like any living thing, shows its ability to project itself and scatter seeds of kindness, friendship and assistance to every man, to help him to do his own work better and to create a better spirit amongst its members and the business of the community. Such is one of the aims of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. GILLMAN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 4

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Strome, May 12, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor, Sir, to submit my report relative to the condition of Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District during my tenure of office.

In general, I have found very evident interest manifest throughout all the lodges and splendid progress is being made in this great work. I may say, however, that in the older lodges a slight laxity in the regular routine and in the attendance is noticeable. These are, no doubt, remediable and in the general welfare of the work necessary.

On August 23rd, 1927, I had the pleasure of accompanying Grand Lodge to Stettler and assisting the Grand Lodge officers in the laying of the corner stone of the new United Church at that point.

During my term of office it has been my pleasure to see erected and to have been present at the dedication of two Masonic Temples in the Fifth Masonic District. Past Grand Master N. E. Carruthers officiated for the Grand Master in the dedication of the new temple at Forestburg on August 24th, 1927. The other Grand Lodge officers present on that occasion were the late M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary and R.W. Bro. J. G. Goddard, Grand Chaplain. D.D.G.M. W. J. Cumberland was also present. The acting Grand Master and the Grand Secretary gave most inspiring addresses in their official capacities.

On September 6th, 1927, M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, the Grand Master, assisted by M.W. Bro. Taylor and other Grand Lodge officers, laid the corner stone of the beautiful temple at Camrose. This temple was dedicated on February 10th, R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Deputy Grand Master, having charge of the ceremony. He was assisted by Grand Lodge officers and other brethren of Edmonton. Bro. Comyn-Ching and R.W. Bro. McLeod gave interesting addresses at this function. A large gathering of outside brethren witnessed these ceremonies. In connection with the dedication of these temples I would like to congratulate the members of Forestburg and Camrose the members of Forestburg and Camrose lodges for the zeal displayed in the financing and construction of two such superb buildings. The former lodge lost its home through fire and immediately launched plans to build a replacement, finer, and in every way more suitable for their purposes. The Camrose brethren have now a home ranking among the best in the Province. Such interest speaks well for the success of the Craft.

During my term of office I have visited each lodge officially once and have made several unofficial visits. I wish to thank the brethren who have accompanied me on these visits and the year's work has been only too short.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, Strome, on Monday, October 17th, 1927. An exceptionally good attendance helped to make the day a very successful one, one hundred and ten

delegates signing the register. Much credit for the success of the meeting is due to the splendid co-operation of the officers of all lodges in the district. M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, the Grand Master; M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, the Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. J. G. Goddard, Grand Chaplain, and R.W. Bro. McAthey and Rollons, P.D.D.G.M.'s of District No. 3, were in attendance.

The meeting was opened by the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 80. In the afternoon session W. Bro. A. W. Fiske, of Provost Lodge, No. 61, delivered a very able address on Masonic conduct. The officers of Melrose Lodge, No. 139, exemplified the work of the first degree in a highly commendable manner. The Ladies' Aid of Strome United Church provided a very enjoyable dinner at which Bro. Dorrian, of Alliance Lodge, No. 135, gave an inspiring address on "The Ritual and its Symbolisms."

During the evening session instructive addresses were delivered by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. In the selection of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year W. Bro. A. W. Fiske, of Provost, was elected. Morning Star Lodge, No. 79, brought the meeting to a close.

WETASKIWIN LODGE, No. 15

I made my official visit to this lodge on February 16th, 1928, striking a most inopportune time as many of the members and officers were unavoidably absent. No degree work was exemplified but much instructive discussion showed the keen interest in Masonry. Of the twenty-one members present, ten were Past Masters and two P.D.D.G.M.'s. These were R.W. Bros. Manley and Watson. Exceptionally good addresses were given by the latter. A very pleasant social hour closed the evening.

CAMROSE LODGE, No. 37

On April 12th, I visited this lodge in their new temple. Such an edifice is a credit not only to this lodge but to the Craft at large. Although there was no degree work the presence of R.W. Bros. Robinson and Douglas, Past D.D.G.M.'s added much interest to the meeting. The new temple speaks volumes for the welfare of Masonry in this lodge. After the meeting was closed a very enjoyable two hours was spent at the banquet table.

TUSCAN LODGE, No. 43

I made this lodge one of my first official calls on November 2nd, 1927. The officers conferred the second degree in a very proficient manner. R.W. Bro. Nicholls, past D.D.G.M. was present on this occasion. This lodge has a large membership and excellent prospects. The lodge room is an exceptionally fine one and the members are interested in the work.

COMET LODGE, No. 50

I made my official visit on November 10th, 1927. On this occasion the weather proved very disagreeable and cold, thus affecting the attendance. No degree work was conferred, but considerable discussion resulted in the derivation of much useful information. In the majority of the meetings I attended the presence of P.D.D.G.M.'s greatly augmented the interest. R.W. Bro. Dickson was in attendance.

PROVOST LODGE, No. 61

Only a fair attendance were present when I made my official visit to this lodge on February 15th, 1928. Much sickness among the

members doubtless accounted for this. General matters relative to the Craft were taken up though no degree was conferred. The question of stimulating interest and increasing attendance provided the main burden of discussion. The officers seem particularly anxious for the welfare of the lodge. I have no doubt that with the enthusiasm shown future prospects are excellent.

COAL LODGE, No. 62

My official visit to this lodge took place on November 17th, 1927. Though no candidates were present the officers exemplified the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. General discussion arising out of the work brought to light some corrections. On the whole, the degree work showed the officers to be very proficient. This lodge is doing good work and progressing steadily.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 75

On April 30th, 1928, accompanied by some brethren from Strome, I visited this lodge. The Master Mason degree was conferred, although the work was not carried out by all the regular officers. Four past D.D.G.M.'s, R.W. Bros. Reed, McKee, Cumberland and Adams attended this meeting. A very hearty reception was accorded. After the meeting a pleasant luncheon brought an enjoyable visit to a close.

MORNING STAR LODGE, No. 79

On November 3rd, 1927, I visited this lodge and although no degree work was done the officers showed a very evident interest. This lodge, though not strong in numbers, has splendid prospects and the spirit of Masonry is well borne out. R.W. Bros. Reed and Adams drove over from Sedgewick to be in attendance. After the regular routine the brethren served a very appetizing lunch at which my predecessors in office delivered short, helpful addresses.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 80

I made my official visit to this, my mother lodge, on June 15th, 1927. The first degree was conferred, the officers showing a clear understanding and manipulation of the work. While this lodge has a small membership all take a keen interest in Masonry, the percentage of attendance ranking high. All the lectures in the degree work were given in an impressive manner.

FORESTBURG LODGE, No. 128

This lodge has been somewhat handicapped the past year through the loss of the lodge room. This difficulty has been overcome by the erection of a splendid hall used for Masonry alone. The financing of this undertaking was borne entirely by the members. I made two official visits to this lodge, the first on October 26th, 1927, and the second on April 25th, 1928. No degree work was conferred during the first visit owing to the fact that the candidate was harvesting at this particular time. The officers exemplified the first degree on my second visit. This lodge has some particularly good material in line.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 135

On October 5th, 1927, I visited this lodge and saw the second degree conferred. The regular officers of the lodge showed aptitude in the presentation of the work and are to be complimented on the dignity with which it was performed. This lodge has its books in

excellent shape and the Historical Register up to date. This important document has been neglected by some of the other lodges in the district.

MELROSE LODGE, No. 139

On March 13th, 1928, I saw this lodge confer the first degree on a candidate on the occasion of my official visit. This lodge is making very good progress, due, in part, to the very efficient work of the Secretary, W. Bro. N. A. Houghton. The books are in excellent condition and the Historical Register written up.

EFFICIENCY LODGE, No. 141

I visited this lodge on November 7th, 1927. Though the membership is small it is progressing as well as can be expected. The officers are very anxious to improve in their work. The candidate was engaged in threshing so no degree work was exemplified. I have no doubt that this lodge will be in a more thriving condition in due time.

Permit me to express my appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the brethren in selecting me for this responsible position. I trust my humble efforts have been acceptable to you and the Craft.

I do not wish to conclude without mention of the irreparable loss Masonry has sustained in the death of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, the Grand Secretary. He has been the bulwark of the Craft for many years past and each Mason will feel the loss keenly, not only in an official capacity, but in that of Masonic friendship.

Faternally submitted,

H. V. PHIPPS,
D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Okotoks, May 25, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1927-1928.

During my term of office I have been privileged to visit each lodge in this district once, and am pleased to report that the condition of Masonry is very satisfactory. The total membership as at December 31, 1927, shows a net increase of thirty-eight for the year, making in all 588 members in District No. 6.

On August 26, 1927, Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, Okotoks, was honored, M.W. Sir, with your attendance and that of our late Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, and other Grand Lodge officers to conduct the ceremony of laying the corner stone of our new Masonic Temple at Okotoks. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large gathering of brethren of the district and of many visiting brethren. The temple is a fine structure, most conveniently apportioned and is a credit to Corinthian Lodge and to this district. On December 28th the dedication ceremony was performed by you in the

presence of a large gathering of brethren and on the same evening our late Grand Secretary conducted the installation ceremony.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting of District No. 6 marked the opening of the new Masonic Temple at Okotoks on Wednesday, October 26th, and notwithstanding the fact that weather conditions had been bad all fall and threshing consequently retarded, we had a splendid gathering, every lodge in the district being represented. We were favored at this meeting with the presence of M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, many Past D.D.G.M.'s and other eminent Masons. The first degree was exemplified by the Master and officers of Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, in a very efficient manner, no criticisms being offered. Addresses were given by M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey and W. Bro. W. Dobson, which were highly instructive and greatly appreciated by all present.

W. Bro. F. S. Ditto, of Stavelly Lodge, No. 33, was elected as the next D.D.G.M. and the town of Stavelly as the place for the next District Meeting.

NANTON LODGE, No. 17

I visited this lodge officially on March 16, 1928, when the Fellowcraft degree was conferred. A new Secretary was elected at this meeting. The work was very creditably done by those in charge, it being unfortunate that some of the regular officers have recently moved from the town. This is quite a handicap to any lodge but with the enthusiasm prevailing, I feel satisfied that when the chairs are again permanently filled a great deal more satisfaction will be felt and the lodge will be materially benefitted.

CORNERSTONE LODGE, No. 19

On November 24th I visited Cornerstone Lodge, No. 19, which is in membership the largest lodge in this district. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Dobson and his officers in the presence of a great number of brethren. The Master and officers are well skilled in their work and the degree was put on in a very able manner. The books of the lodge are very neatly kept and are accurate in every respect. I am pleased to note that Cornerstone Lodge has made an effort and has been successful in collecting a large amount of arrears of dues.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 22

This is my home lodge. I have attended all meetings during the year with the exception of one, when away making an official visit elsewhere in the district. The W.M. and his officers are very efficient. The Secretary, R.W. Bro. G. C. S. Paterson, keeps his books and records correctly and his work is increasing with so many emergent meetings made necessary by the numerous applications for membership received. The new building is a great asset to Masonry in this district. The lodge is steadily and firmly progressing and finances are in splendid shape considering the building program. With the enthusiasm, good fellowship and perfect harmony prevailing, their future is bright.

CAIRO LODGE, No. 32

On November 15th I visited this lodge officially and was pleased to find so many brethren from adjoining lodges in attendance, which

showed the good fellowship prevailing in this part of the district. W. Bro. Gray, W.M., was in the Chair and he and his officers conferred the second degree in a very creditable manner. Cairo Lodge has a very comfortable lodge room and great interest is shown in lodge work and in Masonry in general.

STAVELY LODGE, No. 33

I visited this lodge on November 29th and found everything in an excellent condition. The books are well cared for and a spirit of harmony prevails among the brethren. The Master Mason's degree was exemplified on this occasion with a proficiency which is commendable. Following the degree work, a very pleasant fourth degree was enjoyed by members and visitors alike.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 40

I visited this lodge on November 3rd and was cordially received. Arrangements had been made to confer the first degree but unfortunately the candidate disappointed the lodge at the last moment. I am, however, confident that the work is creditably done by W. Bro. Campbell and his officers and am pleased to note that throughout the year there has been no lack of opportunity to exemplify the degrees. Joppa Lodge has very comfortable quarters and is out of debt.

In conclusion I wish to express to the brethren of District No. 6 my great appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and to thank the brethren for the many courtesies extended to me in all parts of the district. I have greatly enjoyed serving in this capacity. Particularly would I thank W. Bro. O. C. Smith, Bro. W. Elliot and Bro. J. Rowe who so kindly accompanied me on many of my visits. I have no hesitancy in saying, M.W. Sir, that Masonry in District No. 6 is on a sound basis, good progress is being made by all lodges and that harmony prevails throughout the district.

Fraternally submitted,

RONALD KNOWLES,
D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Cardston, May 17, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District during the term 1927-1928.

During my term I have visited each lodge in the district and wish to say as a whole I have found harmony and progress prevailing.

NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 4

I visited this lodge on March 21, 1928, accompanied by R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton and witnessed the third degree being conferred in a most dignified and efficient manner by the officers of the lodge and I also had the pleasure of being present at a special commemoration

meeting held on the 12th of March, 1928. The occasion for this meeting on which special emphasis was placed, was the 40th anniversary of the institution of NorthStar Lodge, No. 4, then under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and in reality the 40th anniversary of the institution of Masonry in the City of Lethbridge and surrounding district.

This meeting aroused considerable interest in Masonic circles in Lethbridge and district and was attended by a number of Grand Lodge officers and members of practically every lodge in the district as well as some from more distant parts of Alberta and from other jurisdictions. Judging from the enthusiasm and interest prevailing it would seem evident that a new and wider interest was created in Masonic work in the district. There were present the late M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who was highly esteemed in Lethbridge and district, M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton and others.

One pleasing feature of the meeting was the presence of the first Worshipful Master of North Star Lodge, R.W. Bro. McPherson, who had come from Tacoma for this particular occasion and during part of the evening's proceedings he occupied the station of the W.M. Another pleasing feature was the large and representative attendance, there being in the neighborhood of 300 Masons present.

DORIC LODGE, No. 31

On May 10, 1928, I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge accompanied by R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton and witnessed the conferring of the third degree in a most satisfactory manner by the regular officers of the lodge. It was particularly pleasant that a large number of the brethren from Grassy Lake Lodge, No. 57, were able to pay a fraternal visit to the lodge when it was favored with a most inspiring address by R.W. Bro. Middleton.

LETHBRIDGE LODGE, No. 39

On April 26th I paid an official visit to this lodge, when the second degree was conferred by W. Bro. G. H. Nowell and the regular officers in a very creditable manner. The books and financial affairs of the lodge are in a splendid condition for which due credit must be given to the Secretary of many years standing, W. Bro. E. J. Rossiter.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 58

I had the honor of installing the officers of this lodge on December 27, 1927, which is my home lodge, and have been present at all meetings during the year. The financial condition of the lodge is satisfactory and the Master and officers are proficient in the work, slow but steady progress being made.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 67

On April 10th I paid an official visit to Charity Lodge and witnessed the second degree conferred by the W.M., and the regular officers of the lodge in a proficient manner. The books of the lodge are well kept and up to date.

WARNER LODGE, No. 100

This lodge has had a difficult time during the last few years and it was under consideration to move to Milk River two years ago, but at the request of W. Bro. Barrows efforts were made to keep the lodge going at Warner during 1927, but on his moving to Coutts and the Secretary leaving Warner the lodge became dormant and during the

last part of 1927 regular meetings were not held. Together with R.W. Bro. J. Gilmore, Past D.D.G.M., I attended a special meeting at Warner on February 16, 1928, when it was arranged to move the lodge to Milk River. This was found advisable in order to ensure that regular meetings would be held, and subsequent reports would indicate that the move will enable this lodge to function satisfactorily in the future.

FOREMOST LODGE, No. 103

I visited Foremost Lodge, No. 103, on November 2, 1927, when the first degree was conferred by the officers of the lodge in an able and efficient manner. During the last few years the Foremost district has suffered from crop failures and the lodge membership has declined owing to members moving from the district; butt aking this into consideration the attendance to their regular meetings is satisfactory. The books of the lodge are well kept and the financial standing is good, there being practically no delinquent dues.

YORK LODGE, No. 119

I visited this lodge officially on April 17, 1928, and had the unexpected pleasure of the presence of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, when the Fellowcraft degree was conferred in a most creditable manner by the officers of the lodge. The affairs of the lodge are in a good sound condition.

MANYBERRIES LODGE, No. 133

I paid an official visit to this lodge on May 16, 1928, when the first degree was exemplified in a satisfactory manner by the regular officers of the lodge. The books and records are well kept, the finances are satisfactory and harmony prevails.

Fraternally submitted,

O. ROSTRUP,
D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Coleman, May 30, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on Masonic conditions in District No. 8 during my term of office.

I wish to first thank the brethren of the district for the honor conferred on me by electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and I trust that the duties of my office have been conducted with as much profit to the district as it has been to me.

The District Meeting, which in my opinion is the big event in the Masonic year of the D.D.G.M., was held in Hillcrest, on Wednesday, October 5, 1927. This meeting being held in your home lodge, I was pleased with the large attendance of brethren from every lodge in the district, including a number of past Grand Lodge officers.

The lodge was opened by Sentinel Lodge, No. 26, and after the reception of the Grand Lodge officers the Entered Apprentice degree was ably exemplified by the Master and officers of Alberta Lodge, No. 3. The M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary delivered very interesting and instructive addresses and the meeting on the whole was very successful and closed in harmony at 10:00 p.m.

W. Bro. Morris, of Alberta Lodge, No. 3, was unanimously chosen as D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 86

On November 14, 1927, I visited Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 86, at Blairmore. Owing to the extreme cold the attendance was small. The Fellowcraft degree was ably exemplified. The books of the lodge are well kept and the historical register is written up to date. The lodge is in excellent condition and the officers and members are enthusiastic workers.

SUMMIT LODGE, No. 30

I visited Summit Lodge officially on February 2, 1928, when the Master Mason degree was ably exemplified by W. Bro. T. E. Flynn and his officers. This is my home lodge and I am glad to say it is in a splendid condition. The Secretary, W. Bro. Cooke is a very efficient officer.

CHINOOK LODGE, No. 47

I visited this lodge several times during my term of office and officially on the 30th of April, 1928. On that occasion two candidates were passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft, the work being performed very satisfactorily by W. Bro. Connelly and his officers. The books of the lodge are well kept and I wish to congratulate R.W. Bro. Murphy, the Secretary, on his enthusiasm and zeal.

SPITZIE LODGE, No. 6

I paid my official visit to Spitzie Lodge on May 31, 1928. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified in a most excellent manner by W. Bro. Boag and his officers. The lodge is in very good condition both financially and in regard to membership. The officers are sincere and enthusiastic and the books are in excellent shape.

SENTINEL LODGE, No. 26

I visited this lodge officially on May 2, 1928. As there were no candidates, no degree work was exemplified, however, I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge at a later date and am glad to report that the officers are expert Craftsmen. I regret, M. W. Sir, that owing to serious illness in your family you were not able to stay with us on that occasion; but I am glad to know that your son is now on the road to recovery. The books are well kept and the financial condition of the lodge is good. Visitors to this lodge are always given a most hearty reception.

ALBERTA LODGE, No. 3

I visited this lodge officially on May 16, 1928, and was accompanied by fourteen members of my own lodge, including W. Bro. Flynn, the Master, and W. Bro. Cooke, the Secretary. We were enthusiastically received by the officers and members and spent a very pleasant and profitable evening. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified in a very able manner and I am glad to report that

Alberta Lodge, No. 3, one of the oldest lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction, is in splendid condition and that W. Bro. Scougill and his officers are upholding the best traditions of Masonry.

In closing I wish to mention, with regret, the loss sustained by the Grand Lodge of Alberta and Masonry throughout the world, in the death of our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. With M.W. Bro. Taylor, Masonry came first; and he was always ready to give advice and council when requested to do so and his loss will be keenly felt by the brethren.

In conclusion I wish to thank all the officers and members of District No. 8 for their unfailing courtesy and kindness to me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX M. MORRISON,
D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Coronation, May 15, 1928.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report as your deputy for the Ninth Masonic District for the past year.

Owing to the very serious illness of R.W. Bro. Mitchell, who kindly acted as District Secretary, such notes and records as were made during my term of office are not at present available and my report must of necessity have the merit of brevity.

I am pleased to be able to report that the utmost harmony prevails throughout the district and the condition of Masonry is highly satisfactory.

My official visits were made as follows:

September 5, 1927.—Apollo Lodge, No. 27, Stettler.
September 6, 1927.—Big Valley Lodge, No. 40, Big Valley.
October 6, 1927.—Ionic Lodge, No. 45, Alix.
November 9, 1927.—Rising Sun Lodge, No. 122, Gadsby.
December 7, 1927.—Coronation Lodge, No. 72, Coronation.
February 9, 1928.—Monitor Lodge, No. 120, Monitor.
March 7, 1928.—Beaver Lodge, No. 56, Castor.
April 4, 1928.—Clive Lodge, No. 121, Clive.

On July 22, 1927, accompanied by R.W. Bros. Bennett and Mitchell and several other brethren from Stettler and Coronation, I instituted Donalda Lodge U.D., at Donalda. This lodge seems to be making satisfactory progress and has good prospects. I expect to visit it again before my term of office expires.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Stettler on October 19, 1928, the M. W. the Grand Master and M.W. Bros. Taylor, Botterill and

Carruthers being present. With the exception of Monitor, every lodge in the district was represented and the total attendance was 140. After the reception of the Grand Lodge officers, the second degree was well exemplified by Big Valley Lodge, No. 140, which was followed by a general discussion of the work by M.W. Bro. Taylor. At the evening session addresses were given by the M. W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bros. Taylor, Botterill and Carruthers and W. Bro. Rev. J. Goddard. This was followed by a very enjoyable banquet given by the brethren of Apollo Lodge.

In all the lodges I found that the work was well done and interest shown. The attendance, in most cases, is satisfactory. The lodges are in good financial condition and the books and records are well kept.

I wish to thank the brethren of each lodge for the uniform courtesy with which I have been received and for the honor they conferred in electing me to this office.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. PRESTON,
D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 3, 1928.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your approval the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District.

I have visited each lodge officially, at least once, and find a general healthy condition. Due care in selection of material augurs well for the future of the structure. Records, generally, are well kept and I look forward to an appreciative Historical Register in each lodge.

Touching the financial side of the various lodges of the District, I regret to state that outstanding dues in some lodges is a matter for serious consideration, and do not hesitate to advise a closer conformity with the Constitution on dues and suspensions.

ST. ALBAN'S LODGE, No. 145

On July 21st I visited this lodge at St. Paul de Metis. I joined the brethren at Trivian Lake, this being the occasion of what is hoped to be an Annual Picnic. Sport events were run off and prizes donated. The brethren returned to St. Paul in the evening and conducted the regular meeting of the lodge. This was conducted in a very able and appreciative manner. Closing lodge we again journeyed to the Club House at the lake, where an enjoyable lunch was served, finishing a long to be remembered visit to St. Paul with song and dance. This is a very active and prosperous lodge. Good fellowship and hearty co-operation, the force that builds a nobler community life, is very much in evidence.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 25

On November 7th I paid an official visit to this lodge at Vegreville and received a very warm welcome from the brethren. The second

degree was exemplified in a masterly manner. This lodge is in very capable hands and supported by a very enthusiastic group of Past Masters.

KITSCOTY LODGE, No. 131

I paid my official visit to the above lodge on December 5th, on the occasion of their regular meeting. No work being on hand I was particularly pleased to note the general interest taken in the lodge business. This lodge, while not progressing numerically, is at all times preserving sacred the Landmarks of Masonry.

VERMILION LODGE, No. 24

I enjoyed very much my visit to this lodge on December 6th. This is a lodge of real enthusiasm and remarkable courage. The second degree was exemplified very impressively—indeed, the entire meeting revealed a most beautiful spirit of co-operation and respect. They contemplate the erection of a temple at Vermilion this year and the co-operation evident on my visit will undoubtedly bring this matter to a successful conclusion.

I wish to tender my thanks to the officers and Past Masters of Vermilion Lodge for their kindly respect and co-operation during my visit with them.

HOPE LODGE, No. 38

On December 7th I paid my official visit to Hope Lodge. No degree work being on hand we all enjoyed a very educational talk on Masonic points of interest. While growth is slow the loyalty and quality of membership promises well.

KILWINNING LODGE, No. 110

On December 8th I officially visited the above lodge at Minburn. The business of the evening was transacted in a very creditable manner. R.W. Bro. McGregor is the life of this lodge and the success attained reflects very creditably on him.

NORWOOD LODGE, No. 90

I made my official visit to this lodge on January 24th. This is my own lodge and my regular attendance here enables me to report a general efficiency and splendid co-operation in all things tending to create added interest. Records are well kept, growth is healthy and careful selection of material is at all times in evidence.

EMPIRE LODGE, No. 63

I was well received on my official visit to Empire Lodge on February 6th. The first degree was exemplified in a most efficient and impressive manner. This lodge is noted for perfection of work and carefully preserves its dignity. Supported at all times by loyal Past Masters a very cheerful atmosphere prevails. W. Bro. (Rev.) Russell McGillivray accompanied me on this occasion and gave a splendid address on "Brotherhood."

DOMINION LODGE, No. 117

On the regular meeting night of this lodge, February 8th, I paid my official visit. No degree work being on hand, the interest displayed in lodge business was appreciative. A healthy growth promises well for the future of this lodge.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 11

I enjoyed my official visit to this lodge on February 9th. Regular business and the first degree was earnestly and beautifully carried out. There is a very real evidence of enthusiasm in this lodge that lives in helpful memory and encouragement. A faithful group of Past Masters and a splendid percentage of membership at each meeting assures a cheerful and brilliant future.

LAMONT LODGE, No. 94

I paid my official visit to the above lodge on March 5th. This was the occasion of a "Get Together" with the object of creating greater enthusiasm and it was indeed a most outstanding success. A splendid banquet at 6:30 was followed by a most interesting and helpful lodge meeting. I wish to express my appreciation to R.W. Bro. F. D. Crump on this occasion..

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 13

On March 4th I officially visited the above lodge at Ft. Saskatchewan, accompanied by a large number of brethren from the city. The business of the evening was carried out with interest and dispatch. While increase in membership is not heavy, the good fellowship and co-operation in evidence reveals an unflinching sincerity.

TAWATINAW LODGE, No. 71

I officially visited this lodge at Athabasca on August 4th and enjoyed very much the hearty reception accorded me. While progress in membership is very slow, the brethren show a keen interest in research.

During my year of office as Grand Lodge representative of District No. 10, my experience has been one continual round of pleasure. The sincere good fellowship that greeted me and the education I have gained from my travels over the district will long be remembered by me. I wish to express my appreciation for the many kindnesses extended to me throughout my official duties.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN T. McCREATH,
D.D.G.M. District No. 10

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Commerce, May 21, 1928.

To the W. M. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as your deputy, for the Eleventh Masonic District. This district consists of eight lodges and one (Sharon) working under dispensation. I have had the pleasure of visiting all of these lodges at least once in my official capacity. Also at Barons on June 27th I duly installed the officers of Cresset Lodge, No. 136, and Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49. In this work I was ably assisted by the Past Grand Pursuivant, V.W. Bro. W. C. L. Cooper and others. I was also glad to accede to

the request of Champion Lodge, No. 84, and Nobleford Lodge, No. 111, to install their officers at Champion on December 27th. R.W. Bro. Watkins had consented to assist, but owing to the impassable state of the roads he was unable to attend. R.W. Bro. Stevenson was, however, present and assisted me in his usual efficient manner.

At Diamond City on January 13th, under dispensation from Grand Lodge, I duly installed the officers of my mother lodge, at which function I had the every-ready assistance of R.W. Bro. H. B. Fuller.

Iron Springs, one of the new towns in the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District, is about twenty miles distant from either Nobleford or Diamond City, and the increasing number of Masons in the district, made it appear necessary to extend to them the privileges of Masonry. These brethren, after conforming to the requirements as laid down in the Constitution, were successful in obtaining a dispensation and at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, I duly instituted a lodge there on the evening of May 5th. Fourteen names appeared on the dispensation, and I have every reason to believe that Sharon Lodge, U.D., will make good as they are very enthusiastic in their work and the district is closely settled with a good class of people. On this occasion I was accompanied by about forty of the Lethbridge brethren, most of the members of Diamond City Lodge, and others from Nobleford. A splendid banquet was prepared by the ladies after the institution, and this was rounded out by the customary toasts and responses thereto.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Nobleford, on October 7th. Owing to the small attendance the afternoon meeting was cancelled and a round table conference was held instead, at which M.W. Bro. Taylor, the Grand Secretary, answered many questions and gave suggestions for greater efficiency in the work, all of which was much appreciated. At the evening session a fair attendance was present. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Cruickshank and M.W. Bro. Taylor, Grand Secretary, gave very instructive addresses. Diamond City Lodge, No. 65, exemplified the first degree in their usual creditable manner and received the compliments of the Grand Officers. W. Bro. Wm. Caudron, of Nobleford Lodge, was selected as Incoming District Deputy for 1928-29, and on the invitation of W. Bro. Dawson, representing Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, Vulcan was chosen as the place of the next District Meeting.

I had the pleasure of visiting all the lodges in the district at least once and in the following order:

March 5th.—Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49. First degree exemplified.

March 6th.—Vulcan Lodge, No. 74. Third degree exemplified.

March 7th.—Granite Lodge, No. 127. First degree exemplified.

March 9th.—Diamond City Lodge, No. 65. Second degree exemplified.

April 3rd.—Nobleford Lodge, No. 111. First degree exemplified.

April 12th.—Champion Lodge, No. 84.

May 2nd.—Pyramid Lodge, No. 108.

May 21st.—Cresset Lodge, No. 136. Third degree exemplified.

All of these lodges I found in good financial condition and with the possible exception of a couple of them they have good prospects

ahead of them. The members of Granite Lodge have their own hall, as also has Carmangay. Vulcan Lodge has a strong reserve for a building fund, while the others have suitable halls rented. The Masters in every lodge are able to perform their work satisfactorily. Cresset Lodge at Barons suffered the loss of their Wor. Master in the person of W. Bro. Gamsby, who passed away in February after a lingering illness. His death is a distinct loss to the lodge and the community.

In conclusion I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the officers and members of the various lodges throughout the district for the unfailing courtesy extended to me at all times and to assure them that they have done much to make my year of service a very pleasant one, and I bespeak for my successor the same kindly consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. ROGERS,
D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, March 30, 1928.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report upon the Masonic activities of District No. 12 for the current year.

At the outset of my term, you expressed the wish that I should give to the country lodges the utmost concentration and this desire on your part I have faithfully endeavored to carry out. I have tried to associate myself as closely as possible with the country lodges and have endeavored to make them feel that grand Lodge has a real live interest in their well-being and development. From the expressions I have received I feel satisfied that I can assure you that your wishes have been carried out and that there is an improvement in their Masonic atmosphere. Of the zeal and enthusiasm of the lodges I cannot speak too highly, nor can I do anything but commend the officers for the application they have given and the concentration they have shown in making themselves proficient in their work. The desire to make the degree work uniform is well pronounced in all lodges, and on the occasion of my visits the requests for information upon points of ritual and lodge government were innumerable, evidencing the keen desire upon the part of the officers to conduct their lodges upon satisfactory lines.

The record of visits paid is as follows:

June 22, 1927.—West Edmonton, No. 101.
June 24, 1927.—Patricia, No. 91.
June 27, 1927.—Jasper, No. 14.
June 30, 1927.—Strathcona, No. 77.
July 9, 1927.—Onoway, No. 138.
July 14, 1927.—Jasper Park, No. 143.
Aug. 9, 1927.—Meridian, No. 129.
Aug. 13, 1927.—Onoway, No. 138.
Oct. 24, 1927.—Jasper, No. 14.

Oct. 26, 1927.—Westlock, No. 114.
Nov. 8, 1927.—Meridian, No. 129.
Dec. 30, 1927.—Ivanhoe, No. 142.
Jan. 12, 1928.—Saskatchewan, No. 92.
Jan. 26, 1928.—Saskatchewan, No. 92.
March 5, 1928.—Ivanhoe, No. 142.
March 12, 1928.—Mayerthorpe, No. 148.

On Monday, November 28th, 1927, I visited Whitecourt for the purpose of delivering the Dispensation granted by the M. W. the Grand Master for the formation of a new lodge and instituting the same. I was very greatly assisted by V.W. Bro. D. D. Penman. W. Bro. D. Wilby, Onoway Lodge, No. 138, W. Bro. Conrad, Pembina Lodge, No. 126, and W. Bro. W. K. Ranton, Mayerthorpe Lodge, No. 148, together with a number of brethren from each of the lodges mentioned. The institution of this lodge developed into a miniature district meeting for the four lodges mentioned and I am satisfied that much good was accomplished on this occasion. I have kept in close touch with Whitecourt Lodge since its inception and am satisfied that it is functioning very creditably. Under W. Bro. Crawford all the officers have developed wonderfully and all branches of the work are being carefully considered and are well conducted. I am satisfied that this lodge has started out with a keen sense of its responsibilities and a high conception of its privileges and I believe that no effort will be spared by the brethren to develop themselves along strictly constitutional lines.

While I am completely satisfied with the progress that has been made by this lodge during the time it has been working under dispensation, I feel that, in view of the short Masonic experience in lodge government of all the officers, the best interests of the lodge will be served by continuing the Dispensation for another period.

Monday, the 1st of August, 1927, was an important occasion in the history of Pembina Lodge, No. 126, for on that date the new lodge premises, erected by the brethren, were dedicated on behalf of the M. W. the Grand Master, by R.W. Bro. O. M. Snedden, Junior Grand Warden. He was assisted by R.W. Bro. Sandilands and W. Bro. C. W. Boon. I regret very much that an emergency in business prevented my attending this ceremony. The brethren of Pembina Lodge are to be commended for their zeal and enterprise in providing themselves with premises of their own, and to have accomplished this with a membership of thirty-seven is a wonderful achievement.

I feel that reference should be made to the efforts put forth by Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143, in the direction of providing themselves with premises of their own. Much headway has been made and I believe that by the time Grand Lodge is in session the building will be well advanced.

On the occasion of my visit to Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92, on the 12th of January, 1928, I discovered an instance of violation of the Constitution. Further investigation of this item seemed to me to show this up in the nature of insubordination to Grand Lodge, so much so that I considered it to be my duty to make a full report to the M. W. the Grand Master. He considered the situation to be so serious as to suspend the charter of the lodge. The whole situation is being fully investigated by the M. W. the Grand Master and his officers.

It is with regret that I have to state that I have been unable to visit Edson Lodge, No. 68, and the only occasion upon which I have come into contact with the officers of this lodge was the District Meet-

ing. Either my business or my private affairs interfered on each occasion that I planned to visit Edson and it is necessary for me to express my regrets to these brethren for having failed to discharge my duty to them.

The district meeting for this Masonic District was held in conjunction with Districts 3 and 10, on October 15th, 1927, in Patricia Hall, Edmonton. The lodges in District No. 12 were very well represented and a thoroughly successful district meeting was held. At the conclusion of the business the election of D.D.G.M. took place, when W. Bro. J. Hobbs, West Edmonton Lodge, No. 101, was elected to the office. I wish to express my appreciation of the help rendered to me by V.W. Bro. G. H. McAvoy as secretary of the district meeting. Much of the success of that meeting was due to his kindly co-operation.

Before concluding my report I wish to state that I have not accomplished all that I wished to during my term of office. I have, however, given to the duties the utmost of my time and ability and have spared no effort to give to the lodges the best assistance possible. I wish to thank all the lodges for the kindly consideration and hospitable welcome extended to me on every occasion.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN HENING,

D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Peace River, May 15, 1928.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

During my term of office the condition of the lodges in this district have been in a very healthy state. The work is uniform and has been well and ably exemplified. The condition financially is improving. The percentage of arrears in dues is decreasing, two lodges having no members in arrears. The interest in the study of masonry is becoming very keen, every lodge in this district having its own Masonic library.

On the 29th of June, 1927, I constituted and consecrated Northland Lodge, No. 147, at Waterhole. I was assisted by R.W. Bro. T. A. Norris and W. Bro. E. Orr.

On August 17th I dedicated Lake Saskatoon Lodge, No. 106. R.W. Bro. W. Grant and V.W. Bro. Roberts assisted in the ceremony.

The district meeting was held on October 11th, 1927. There was a good attendance, all lodges in the district being represented. The lectures by the Grand Lodge officers were very instructive and well received. W. Bro. James of Grande Prairie Lodge, No. 105, was elected to be the next District Deputy Grand Master of this district. The next district meeting is to be held at Spirit River in 1928.

GRANDE PRAIRIE LODGE, No. 89 and LAKE SASKATOON
LODGE, No. 106

On the evening of October 11th a joint meeting was held of Grande Prairie Lodge, No. 105, and Lake Saskatoon Lodge, No. 106. Grande

Prairie Lodge exemplified the work in the first degree, Lake Saskatoon Lodge the work in the third degree. The books and records of both lodges were in good order. A banquet was served after the close of the lodge.

WAHPUN LODGE, No. 88

On my visit to Wahpun Lodge, No. 88, at High Prairie, on October 13th, I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Downey, of Edmonton. A candidate was passed to the Fellowcraft degree by the officers of the lodge. The records were well kept and there were no arrears in dues.

SPIRIT RIVER LODGE, No. 116

I visited Spirit River Lodge, No. 116, at a Regular Meeting on October 24th. The officers of the lodge exemplified the work in the second degree and are to be congratulated on the able manner in which the work was done. The books and records are in good order and there are no members in arrears for dues.

NORTHLAND LODGE, No. 147

On November 10th I attended the regular meeting of Northland Lodge, No. 147. The second degree was conferred on a candidate by the officers of the lodge. This lodge is making excellent progress. The records are well kept and the interest in Masonry is very keen.

PEACE RIVER LODGE, No. 89

I visited my home lodge, Peace River, No. 89, on December 14th, at the regular meeting, for the election of officers. Peace River Lodge suffered the loss of their W. M. during August, 1927. W. Bro. Gaunder was held in high esteem by his brethren in Masonry, and his loss has been keenly felt. The records of the lodge are in good order.

The historical records of two lodges were not up to date, but a promise has been given, that this would be attended to in the near future.

The lodges in this district feel very keenly the loss we have sustained in the death of our Grand Secretary. He was greatly beloved by all.

Fraternally submitted,

F. H. SUTHERLAND,
D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Delia, June 5, 1928.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as your deputy for the Fourteenth Masonic District, for the past year.

I have found a growing interest in the teaching of Masonry in all lodges of the district. The lodges, without exception, are sound financially. The increase in membership is gratifying, while the quality of new members is excellent.

HANNA LODGE, No. 78

I made my first official visit to this lodge on September 21st, an emergent meeting, at which the M. M. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Thurlbeck in a very creditable manner. The books are well kept and there is great enthusiasm shown by the members. Several brethren from Hand Hill Lodge accompanied me on this visit and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting of this district was held in Hanna on October 21st, and notwithstanding the busy season of threshing, there was a good attendance.

The meeting was opened by Hanna Lodge No. 78 at 2:30 p.m. The D.D.G.M. after being welcomed and assuming the chair, received with Grand Honors the M. W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Taylor, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Goddard, Grand Chaplain, and V.W. Bro. Cameron, or Drumheller, Grand Steward. The minutes of the last District Meeting were read and approved. Hanna Lodge then assumed the chairs and conferred the E. A. degree, followed by instruction by the Custodian of the Work, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. The Question Drawer was well filled and several interesting questions were answered by M.W. Bro. Taylor. At 5:00 p.m. W. Bro. Burke, of Hand Hill Lodge, Mo. 98, gave an excellent address which was appreciated by all. The meeting was suspended at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of attending the banquet prepared by the Hanna brethren.

The evening session was taken up with the election of the next D.D.G.M. and the selection of the next meeting place, W. Bro. Cameron, of Symbol Lodge, No. 93, being elected D.D.G.M. and Drumheller the next place of meeting. M.W. Bro. Taylor then gave an address, followed by addresses from M.W. Bro. Cruickshank and R.W. Bro. Goddard.

ROSEBUD LODGE, U.D.

I visited this lodge on Wednesday evening, March 14th and witnessed the conferring of the Fellowcraft degree. This is the youngest lodge in the district, less than one year old, and the work would have been a credit to a much older lodge. The brethren are well skilled and guided by the W.M., Brother DeFoe, is a lodge that any district may well be proud of. Their books are well kept and up to date, and I feel sure that Grand Lodge will not make a mistake in granting them their charter at the next session.

ACADIA LODGE, No. 82

I made an official visit to this lodge on Tuesday, April 3rd, this being their regular meeting night. I was received with honors and after which I witnessed the conferring of the first and second degrees, the work being done in a very creditable manner. The books are well written up and the lodge is progressing very favorably.

CROCUS LODGE, No. 115

I made my official visit to this lodge on their regular meeting night, Wednesday, April 4th, there being no work done. I found the books well kept and written up. The attendance was good in spite of the roads being bad and a number were unable to be present.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 99

I visited this lodge on April 5th and was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Chapman, of Chinook. I was duly received and made welcome by those present. This lodge is having difficulty holding meetings as the members live such a long distance out, being mostly all farmers. The brethren are anxious to continue but find it very hard to do so, and expressed a desire to try it a while longer. Their financial standing is good, although there is no increase in membership. I would recommend that this lodge affiliate with Oyen Lodge.

OYEN LODGE, No. 104

On Friday evening, April 6th, I made my official visit to this lodge. It being a holiday there was a good attendance. I was received by W. Bro. McKay and witnessed the conferring of the Fellowcraft degree, the work being done in a very creditable manner. The books are well kept and although the lodge is struggling under the load of building, they have their hall on a paying basis now and look forward to a better future.

HAND HILL LODGE, No. 98

I had arranged to visit this lodge on Wednesday evening, May 2nd, but being ill, I asked R.W. Bro. Campbell to make the visit for me. This being my own lodge, I am able to report very good progress. The officers of the lodge are very enthusiastic and there is a splendid co-operation. The books are well kept and although candidates are very few they look forward to a splendid year.

SYMBOL LODGE, No. 93

On Thursday, May 10th, I made my visit to this lodge, the largest in the district. This being their regular meeting, there was no degree work. The Master and Wardens and other brethren of Hand Hill Lodge accompanied me on this occasion and we were given a splendid welcome.

I again visited this lodge on May 24th, at an emergent meeting, being accompanied by the Master and several brethren from Hand Hill Lodge. The Fellowcraft degree was conferred on three brethren, after which we were all invited to a very enjoyable banquet.

DRUMHELLER LODGE, No. 146

On Tuesday evening, May 15th, I made my official visit to Drumheller Lodge, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Campbell and W. Bro. Martin and other members of Hand Hill Lodge, No. 98. This being their regular meeting there was a good attendance. W. Bro. Christenson conferred the first degree using a member of the lodge as a candidate. This lodge has made splendid progress since being constituted and there is excellent harmony shown between the two lodges in Drumheller. The books are well written up and I cannot speak too highly of the brethren of this lodge.

CRAIGMYLE LODGE, No. 132

I visited this lodge on their regular meeting night, May 29th, accompanied by a number of brethren from Hand Hill Lodge. There being no work on, the W.M. conferred the E. A. degree using one of the members as a candidate. This work was well put on, the officers

being well skilled. The books are in good order. At the close of the meeting the brethren retired to the banquet room where several Masonic talks were enjoyed.

ROCKYFORD LODGE, No. 123

I visited Rockyford Lodge on Thursday, May 31st, and was duly received and made welcome. W. Bro. DeFoe and several members from Rosebud Lodge U.D. were present. There being no work, discussions of Masonic subjects were enjoyed by all. The brethren are contemplating the erection of a new hall, and the necessary steps have been taken to commence at once. The books are written up to date and are well kept.

All lodges in District No. 14 are in good condition financially and are making fair progress. The secretaries have their books in excellent order, attendances at meetings are good and many of the brethren pay fraternal visits to the neighboring lodges. The officers as a whole are capable and efficient and a keen interest is shown in all Masonic topics.

Fraternally submitted,

C. GRANT,
D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Delburne, May 1, 1928.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as your deputy in the Fifteenth Masonic District.

I found that all the lodges in my district were greatly interested in the work and I was asked numerous questions. I noted some very excellent Masonic literature is contained in their various libraries. Their books and records are well kept and up to date with the exception of one historical register and in this case the Worshipful Master assured me it would be attended to immediately. Generally speaking I was well satisfied with all the lodges in the district except as regards the number of brethren in arrears with their dues, which number amounted to about 34 per cent of the membership. In my opinion this is much too high a percentage and I would urge upon Masters to try to have this considerably reduced.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Carbon on October 24, 1927, at 2:00 p.m., at which there was a splendid attendance, the largest in the history of the district. The opening ceremony was performed by Carbon Lodge, No. 107. The first degree was exemplified by the officers of Cyprus Lodge, No. 113, in a very creditable manner calling for but little criticism from the Custodian of the Work, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. Addresses were given by R.W. Bro. Little and V.W. Bro. Grainger. The question box was made use of to a very marked extent

which shows the interest of the brethren and their desire for uniformity in the Work. V.W. Bro. W. H. Grainger, of Acme Lodge, No. 60, was elected D.D.G.M. for the 1928-9 term, and I am satisfied the district made no mistake in their choice.

Lodge was closed by Acme Lodge, No. 60.

ACME LODGE, No. 60

I visited this lodge on February 2nd, being met at Grainger by V.W. Bro. Grainger by whom I was entertained and motored over to Acme. There was an excellent attendance of the members. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Leitch assisted by V.W. Bro. Grainger W. Bro. Hunt and others. Bro. Beacom, the Junior Warden, delivered the lecture in a very creditable manner. This lodge is very comfortably furnished, is officered by brethren of excellent ability and has the good fortune to possess Past Masters who have the interests of the lodge at heart. The records were well kept and up to date. The evening was closed with the fourth degree.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 66

On August 11th I visited St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 66, Trochu, accompanied by several brethren from Cavell Lodge, No. 125. A portion of the first degree was exemplified on a substitute candidate in a very creditable manner. The historical register was not up to date but I was assured it would be attended to.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 76

On March 6, 1928, I visited Fidelity Lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. Smith and Bro. Hodges of Cavell Lodge. The third degree was conferred on two candidates by R.W. Bro. Marshall and W. Bros. Wells, Ford and Racmer. This work was exceedingly well done and the candidates well up in their knowledge of the previous degrees. The books and records are in the capable hands of R.W. Bro. Marshall and are up to date. After the fourth degree an interesting lecture on the "Great Symbol of the Craft" was delivered by R.W. Bro. Marshall.

CARBON LODGE, No. 107

On December 6, 1927, I visited this lodge, being met at Grainger by V.W. Bro. Grainger, who accompanied me on the twelve mile drive to Carbon in 35 degrees below zero. The attendance was very good considering the intense cold. This being the annual meeting of the lodge, no degrees were conferred. I am satisfied, however, that under the guiding hands of R.W. Bros. Braisher and Code everything is as it should be. The books and records are up to date and well kept.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, No. 109

I made my official visit to this lodge on April 4th, accompanied by four brethren from Cavell Lodge. I was met at the station by the W.M., W. Bro. Webster and W. Bro. Watters, by whom I was entertained. The meeting was well attended, R.W. Bros. Baugh, and Murdoch and W. Bro. Ford, of Fidelity, No. 76, being among the visitors. There being no work, W. Bro. Watters gave an address on the Legend of Hiram Abiff in a very capable manner. The books and records are well kept by their efficient Secretary, R.W. Bro. Baugh.

CYPRUS LODGE, No. 113

I visited Cyprus Lodge on February 15th. Here again I was met by V.W. Bro. Grainger. Owing to outside attractions the attendance was not large, but a very interesting meeting was held. Bro. Professor Ottewell, of the University of Alberta, was present and gave an illuminating lecture on "Education." W. Bro. Sheline and his officers are capable and the books and records are in good order. This lodge intends building its own lodge room this year.

CAVELL LODGE, No. 125

On March 29th I visited this lodge officially. It was Past Masters' Night and the third degree was conferred on Bro. McBride by W. Bro. McHardy. This being my own lodge, I know the officers can carry out their various duties very efficiently. The books and records are well kept and up to date.

IRRICANA LODGE, No. 137

I visited Irricana Lodge on February 21st and was met at Grainger by V.W. Bro. Grainger, who accompanied me and a very pleasant evening was spent among the brethren. The night was very cold but practically the whole of their members were present, some travelling ten to fifteen miles. The W.M., W. Bro. Hare, exemplified the third degree in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge has had some little differences; I was able to be of assistance to them and believe harmony now prevails.

Later this lodge had the misfortune to lose their room by fire, and asked permission to move their quarters, temporarily to Keoma, which I granted after being satisfied that the room was suitable.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the members of District No. 15 for the honor they conferred on me in electing me their D.D.G.M. I hope I have been of assistance to them and personally feel that I have a far broader knowledge of Masonry today than I had a year ago.

Faternally submitted,

G. W. SPIRES,
D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. M. Morrison (30), "That the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

The M.W. the Grand Master announced that the representatives of District No. 8 would meet at the close of the afternoon session to elect a D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, occasioned by the removal of W. Bro. Fred Morris, D.D.G.M. elect, from the district.

The representatives of District No. 8 met as directed, and R.W. Bro. A. M. Morrison (30), reported to Grand Lodge that W. Bro. James W. Moreash (3), Macleod, had been unanimously elected as D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, and which was confirmed by the M.W. the Grand Master.

Report of the Grand Treasurer

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren.

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the
fiscal year ending January 31, 1927:

February 1, 1927, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 5,228.27
Total Deposits.....	26,069.56
	\$31,297.83
Less:	
Cheques issued.....	\$10,568.10
Transfers to Benevolent and Relief Funds . . .	13,656.50
Invested in Bonds.....	5,000.00
	\$29,224.60
January 31, 1928, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 2,073.23

A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully
set forth in report of Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS SHARPE,
Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), seconded by
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83), "That the report of the Grand
Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

Report of the Grand Secretary.

Calgary, June 13, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Twenty-third Annual Report of your
Grand Secretary, containing an account of all receipts and expenditures
for the financial year ending January 31, 1928, also a statement of
the investments made by Grand Lodge, and of the assets and liabilities
as of that date. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several
lodges to December 27, 1927, together with a statement of certificates
and charters issued; new lodges formed; bylaws and amendments
thereto; dispensations issued; and all other official acts of the M.W. the
Grand Master and all other transactions of this office for the past year.

Proceedings

Twelve hundred copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Certificates

In accordance with section 71 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 594 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 28 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 119 Past Master Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

Charters

In compliance with instructions of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to the following lodges, and these lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed:

Northland Lodge, No. 147, at Waterhole, in the Thirteenth Masonic District, constituted June 29, 1927, by R.W. Bro. F. H. Sutherland, D.D.G.M.

Mayerthorpe Lodge, No. 148, at Meyerthorpe, in the Twelfth Masonic District, constituted on June 27, 1927, by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

New Lodges

Rosebud Lodge, at Rosebud, in the Fourteenth Masonic District. Dispensation re-issued, June 11, 1927.

Donalda Lodge, at Donalda, in the Ninth Masonic District. Dispensation issued June 30, 1927. William F. Porter, W.M.; Irvin B. Lutz, S.W.; John Van Dam, J.W.. Instituted July 22, 1927, by R.W. Bro. John A. Preston, D.D.G.M.

Whitecourt Lodge, at Whitecourt, in the Twelfth Masonic District. Dispensation issued October 24, 1927. George M. Crawford, W.M.; Thomas G. Govenlock, S.W.; Douglas H. Craig, J.W. Instituted November 28, 1927, by R.W. Bro. John Henning, D.D.G.M.

Lochearn Lodge, at Rocky Mountain House, in the Fourth Masonic District. Dispensation issued December 10, 1927. Philip C. Routledge, W.M.; William J. Kirby, S.W.; James Horne, J.W. Instituted December 14, 1927, by R.W. Bro. J. W. Gillman, D.D.G.M.

Standard Lodge, at Standard, in the First Masonic District. Dispensation issued April 12, 1928. Alfred LeRoy Williams, W.M.; Ernest A. Wagler, S.W.; Chris P. Dahl, J.W. Instituted January 6, 1928, by R.W. Bro. S. L. McCracken, D.D.G.M.

Sharon Lodge, at Iron Springs, in the Eleventh Masonic District. Dispensation issued April 12, 1928. W. R. Hardy, W.M.; J. H. Beiswanger, S.W.; W. W. Scott, J.W. Instituted May 5, 1928, by R.W. Bro. W. T. Rogers, D.D.G.M.

BY-LAWS

The M.W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

Rosebud, U.D.....	June 18, 1927
Donalda, U.D.....	Sept. 16, 1927
Whitecourt, U.D.....	Jan. 4, 1928

Amendments to By-Laws

Summit, No. 30.....	June 18, 1927
Joppa, No. 40.....	July 4, 1927
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	July 4, 1927
Carbon, No. 107.....	July 11, 1927
Victoria, No. 13.....	July 14, 1927
Bow River, No. 1.....	Sept. 14, 1927
Mount Moriah, No. 99.....	Sept. 14, 1927
Calgary, No. 23.....	Oct. 8, 1927
Bow River, No. 1.....	Nov. 2, 1927
Red Deer, No. 12.....	Nov. 4, 1927
Calgary, No. 23.....	Nov. 4, 1927
Lethbridge, No. 39.....	Nov. 8, 1927
Alliance, No. 135.....	Nov. 16, 1927
Calgary, No. 23.....	Nov. 17, 1927
Cascade, No. 5.....	Dec. 15, 1927
Carbon, No. 107.....	Jan. 4, 1928
Edmonton, No. 7.....	Jan. 16, 1928
Edson, No. 68.....	Jan. 31, 1928
Cascade, No. 5.....	Feb. 20, 1928
King Solomon, No. 41.....	Mar. 15, 1928
Chinook, No. 47.....	April 17, 1928
Edgerton, No. 102.....	April 18, 1928
Bassano, No. 55.....	April 30, 1928

Dispensations

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service

Cascade, No. 5.....	June 13, 1927
Summit, No. 30.....	June 13, 1927
Hand Hill, No. 98.....	June 13, 1927
West Edmonton, No. 101.....	June 13, 1927
Grande Prairie, No. 105.....	June 13, 1927
Craigmyle, No. 132.....	June 13, 1927
Camrose, No. 37.....	June 14, 1927
Chief Mountain, No. 58.....	June 14, 1927
King George, No. 59.....	June 14, 1927
Eureka, No. 10.....	June 15, 1927
Mountain View, No. 16.....	June 18, 1927
Vermilion, No. 24.....	June 20, 1927
Lethbridge, No. 39.....	June 20, 1927
Beaver, No. 56.....	June 20, 1927
Coronation, No. 72.....	June 20, 1927
Monitor, No. 120.....	June 20, 1927
Warner, No. 100.....	June 21, 1927
Apollo, No. 27.....	June 22, 1927

Palestine, No. 46.....	June 22, 1927
Meridian, No. 129.....	June 22, 1927
Gleichen, No. 36.....	June 23, 1927
Crescent, No. 87.....	June 23, 1927
Granite, No. 127.....	June 24, 1927
Doric, No. 31.....	June 25, 1927
Bow Island, No. 64.....	July 14, 1927
Big Valley, No. 140.....	July 21, 1927
Spirit River, No. 116.....	Aug. 18, 1927
Bassano, No. 55.....	Aug. 19, 1927
Carbon, No. 107.....	Aug. 26, 1927
Cyprus, No. 113.....	Aug. 31, 1927
Alberta, No. 3.....	Sept. 24, 1927
Britannia, No. 18.....	Oct. 26, 1927
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Oct. 29, 1927
Stavely, No. 33.....	Mar. 24, 1928
Ionic, No. 45.....	April 2, 1928
Hope, No. 38.....	May 29, 1928
Joppa, No. 40.....	June 7, 1928

To Hold Special Installations

West Edmonton, No. 101.....	June 13, 1927
Jasper, No. 14.....	June 21, 1927
Palestine, No. 46.....	June 29, 1927
Connaught, No. 69.....	June 29, 1927
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	June 29, 1927
Onoway, No. 138.....	July 11, 1927
Jasper Park, No. 143.....	Nov. 8, 1927
Unity, No. 51.....	Nov. 22, 1927
Commercial, No. 81.....	Nov. 23, 1927
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 24, 1927
Zetland, No. 83.....	Nov. 29, 1927
Acacia, No. 11.....	Nov. 30, 1927
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Nov. 30, 1927
St. Alban's, No. 145.....	Dec. 2, 1927
King George, No. 59.....	Dec. 3, 1927
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Dec. 3, 1927
Corinthian, No. 22.....	Dec. 5, 1927
Calgary, No. 23.....	Dec. 5, 1927
Hussar, No. 130.....	Dec. 7, 1927
Bow River, No. 1.....	Dec. 10, 1927
Concord, No. 124.....	Dec. 10, 1927
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Dec. 12, 1927
Ancient Landmark, No. 109.....	Dec. 12, 1927
Britannia, No. 18.....	Dec. 13, 1927
Morning Star, No. 79.....	Dec. 13, 1927
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Dec. 13, 1927
Drumheller, No. 146.....	Dec. 13, 1927
Acadia, No. 82.....	Dec. 16, 1927
Crocus, No. 115.....	Dec. 16, 1927
Strathcona, No. 77.....	Dec. 20, 1927
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Dec. 22, 1927
Dominion, No. 117.....	Dec. 24, 1927
Hand Hill, No. 98.....	Dec. 27, 1927
Efficiency, No. 141.....	Dec. 27, 1927
Perfection, No. 9.....	Dec. 28, 1927
Lake Saskatoon, No. 106.....	Dec. 28, 1927

Cpronation, No. 72.....	Dec. 29, 1927
Pyramid, No. 108.....	Dec. 29, 1927
Clive, No. 121.....	Dec. 30, 1927
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Jan. 4, 1928
Diamond City, No. 65.....	Jan. 7, 1928
Victory, No. 112.....	Jan. 12, 1928
Northland, No. 147.....	May 10, 1928

To Hold Special Elections

Forestburg, No. 128.....	Nov. 29, 1927
Pyramid, No. 108.....	Dec. 15, 1927
Joppa, No. 40.....	Dec. 16, 1927
Diamond City, No. 65.....	Dec. 16, 1927
Bassano, No. 55.....	Dec. 21, 1927

To Elect and Install Out of Time

Strathmore, No. 53.....	Dec. 13, 1927
Warner, No. 100.....	Feb. 22, 1928
St. Alban's, No. 145.....	May 14, 1928

To Elect and Invest Out of Time

Strathmore, No. 53.....	July 21, 1927
Craigmyle, No. 132.....	Aug. 3, 1927
Buffalo Park, No. 44.....	Sept. 12, 1927
Gratton, No. 144.....	Sept. 12, 1927
Star of the West, No. 34.....	Oct. 24, 1927
Zetland, No. 83.....	Jan. 5, 1928
Concord, No. 124.....	Jan. 14, 1928
St. Alban's, No. 145.....	Feb. 24, 1928
Acacia, No. 11.....	May 15, 1928
Efficiency, No. 141.....	May 18, 1928
Concord, No. 124.....	May 22, 1928

To Invest Out of Time

Ashlar, No. 28.....	Jan. 11, 1928
Harmony, No. 75.....	Jan. 12, 1928
Big Valley, No. 140.....	May 31, 1928

To Change Night of Regular Meeting

Concord, No. 124.....	Aug. 6, 1927
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Aug. 16, 1927
Strathmore, No. 53.....	Aug. 31, 1927
Zetland, No. 83.....	Sept. 30, 1927
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 24, 1927
Kilwinning, No. 110.....	Nov. 29, 1927
Nobleford, No. 111.....	Dec. 7, 1927
Grassy Lake, No. 57.....	Dec. 13, 1927
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Jan. 3, 1928
Cascade, No. 5.....	Mar. 24, 1928
St. Alban's, No. 145.....	May 8, 1928
Renfrew, No. 134.....	May 28, 1928

To Act with Physical Defect

Acadia, No. 82.....	Aug. 15, 1927
Renfrew, No. 134.	Sept. 23, 1927
Warner, No. 100.....	Mar. 30, 1928
Edmonton, No. 7.....	May 8, 1928

To Confer Degree Out of Time

Cresset, No. 136.....	Nov. 28, 1927
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Special Dispensations re Government of Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92, (Suspended)

Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Mar. 31, 1928
(For member to attend meeting of Empire Lodge, No. 63)	
Commercial, No. 81.....	May 21, 1928
(For Burial Service for member of Saskatchewan Lodge)	

LODGES INCORPORATED

Renfrew, No. 134.....	Oct. 22, 1927
King Solomon, No. 41	Oct. 29, 1927
Quarry, No. 70.....	Nov. 8, 1927
Jasper Park, No. 143	Nov. 8, 1927
Rising Sun, No. 122.....	April 13, 1928

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Kentucky, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed M.W. Bro. Henry S. McElroy, of Lebanon, Kentucky, our Grand Representative, near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of South Carolina, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Percy H. Gooding, of Crockettville, South Carolina, our Grand Representative, near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Virginia, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed Bro. Frank F. Champion, of Norfolk, Virginia, our Grand Representative, near the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Alberta, brethren were commissioned as Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, as follows:

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Representative</i>
Nevada.....	W. Bro. Frank V. Truesdale, Calgary
New Hampshire.....	R.W. Bro. George Lomas, Burdett

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master:

Grand Master's Address

M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Chairman; M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis; M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill.

Grand Secretary's Address

R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Chairman; M.W. Bro. T. F. English;
R.W. Bro. John Hening.

Fraternal Dead

R.W. Bro. J. G. Goddard, Chairman; R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton;
R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey.

Memorial to M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor

M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Chairman; M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher,
R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey.

Rearrangement of Masonic Districts

M.W. Bro. W. J. Botteril, Chairman; R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell;
R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock; R.W. Bro. John Gillespie; M.W. Bro.
H. C. Taylor.

Adjustment of Fire Loss

M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Chairman; M.W. Bro. F. S. Sel-
wood; R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership, December 27, 1926.....13,027

Increase

Initiated.....	586	
Passed.....	621	
Raised.....	594	
Joined.....	326	
Reinstated.....	56	
Total Increase.....	—	968

Decrease

Dimitted.....	363	
Suspended N.P.D.	229	
Suspended U.M.C.....	4	
Died.....	98	
Total Decrease.....	—	694

Net Increase..... 274

Total Membership, December 27, 1927.....13,301

ADJUSTMENT OF FIRE LOSS

Books and Stationery (as per J. D. McAra's statement).....	\$3,649.72
J. D. McAra's Fee, valuating books.....	87.00
Reconditioning Furniture (as per H. Price's bill)	495.80
2 Carpets (complete loss).....	60.00
Repairing 2 Electrical Fixtures	4.45
2 Electrical Fixtures (complete loss).	40.00
Regalia (complete loss).....	182.25
Repairs to Typewriter.....	12.00
Cost of moving (F. Johnston).	63.75
Labor assisting with books.....	16.40

Total.....\$4,611.37

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District Meetings were held in all of the Masonic Districts of this Grand Lodge, at which M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor was able to accompany the Grand Master. The scholarly addresses which your late Grand Secretary was able to deliver at these meetings and the assistance he was able to render the Craft in his capacity as Grand Custodian was greatly appreciated by the brethren and is sure to bear much fruit, as evidenced by the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s.

It was a great shock to me, when on the morning of March 26th, I received a telephone communication urging me to attend at the residence of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who, in a few words, told me of his Doctor's verdict and requested me to "carry on." He gave me such information as he was able and I shall always remember the wonderful spirit he displayed, which impressed upon me very vividly the truth, "Masons are taught the way to die," for having walked in the light, he went unafraid into the presence of the G.A.O.T.U.

I found the work of Grand Lodge in excellent shape, and have since endeavored to maintain the high standard to which you have been accustomed, and I trust the brethren will overlook my shortcomings.

FIRE LOSS

On the morning of April 11th, the Elma Block where we had our office and library, was destroyed by fire and for a time our work was impeded and may have caused some inconvenience to the lodges in the filling of orders for supplies and the prompt attention to correspondence. However, through the kindness of M.W. Bro. Connacher, desk room was found in his office until other accommodation was available. The premises now occupied are not adequate for the needs of Grand Lodge but will serve the purpose until the Calgary Masonic Temple is completed, where excellent quarters are being prepared.

The vital records of Grand Lodge were all found to be intact upon opening the vault, and considering the intensity of the blaze this is cause for thankfulness. The supplies in the stock-room and the office fixtures suffered considerable damage by water; this being fully covered by insurance the Grand Master appointed a committee to make the necessary adjustments with the Insurance Underwriters, and I am pleased to report that a sum of \$4,611.37 will be paid to Grand Lodge to cover the loss sustained.

In conclusion, I wish to express my warmest thanks for the many kind offers of assistance from the brethren and especially to M.W. Bros. F. S. Selwood and W. M. Connacher, who were at all times ready and willing to help and advise me in my work.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. IRELAND,

Acting Grand Secretary.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year Ending January 31st, 1928

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge.

Moneys received between February 1, 1927, and January 31, 1928.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River.....	\$743.70	40.	Joppa.....	88.90
2.	Medicine Hat.....	381.00	41.	King Solomon.....	68.95
3.	Alberta.....	152.90	42.	Bowden.....	86.85
4.	North Star.....	408.35	43.	Tuscan.....	162.35
5.	Cascade.....	287.20	44.	Buffalo Park.....	106.52
6.	Spitzie.....	172.20	45.	Ionic.....	61.40
7.	Edmonton.....	502.75	46.	Palestine.....	121.85
8.	Innisfail.....	194.30	47.	Chinook.....	33.80
9.	Perfection.....	699.70	48.	Crossfield.....	109.20
10.	Eureka.....	324.80	49.	Robert Burns.....	79.85
11.	Acacia.....	519.26	50.	Comet.....	96.75
12.	Red Decr.....	237.25	51.	Unity.....	708.40
13.	Victoria.....	134.25	53.	Strathmore.....	99.95
14.	Jasper.....	301.55	54.	Mount Lebanon.....	458.45
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	182.35	55.	Bassano.....	155.00
16.	Mountain View.....	125.47	56.	Beaver.....	130.75
17.	Nanton.....	263.13	57.	Grassy Lake.....	26.25
18.	Britannia.....	141.00	58.	Chief Mountain.....	91.35
19.	Cornerstone.....	313.35	59.	King George.....	555.75
20.	Carstairs.....	132.60	60.	Acme.....	101.05
21.	King Hiram.....	203.00	61.	Provost.....	58.15
22.	Corinthian.....	326.35	62.	Coal.....	68.95
23.	Calgary.....	212.20	63.	Empire.....	279.15
24.	Vermilion.....	188.05	64.	Bow Island.....	141.50
25.	St. John's.....	203.75	65.	Diamond City.....	49.10
26.	Sentinel.....	138.10	66.	St. Andrews.....	133.70
27.	Apollo.....	206.55	67.	Charity.....	144.20
28.	Ashlar.....	389.40	68.	Edson.....	359.65
29.	Kenilworth.....	217.75	69.	Connaught.....	116.25
30.	Summit.....	89.25	70.	Quarry.....	101.20
31.	Doric.....	198.05	71.	Tawatinaw.....	32.30
32.	Cairo.....	232.85	72.	Coronation.....	170.90
33.	Stavely.....	127.20	73.	Brooks.....	200.65
34.	Star of the West.....	104.70	74.	Vulcan.....	127.85
35.	Mizpah.....	232.80	75.	Harmony.....	88.70
36.	Gleichen.....	174.10	76.	Fidelity.....	265.50
37.	Camrose.....	78.50	77.	Strathcona.....	321.80
38.	Hope.....	181.40	78.	Hanna.....	343.75
39.	Lethbridge.....	296.00	79.	Morning Star.....	63.00

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
80.	Excelsior	\$ 97.97	120.	Monitor	38.00
81.	Commercial	279.00	121.	Clive	35.50
82.	Acadia	115.55	122.	Rising Sun	125.00
83.	Zetland	403.65	123.	Rockyford	129.30
84.	Champion	101.30	124.	Concord	191.50
85.	Suffield	100.30	125.	Cavell	70.20
86.	Rocky Mountain	176.65	126.	Pembina	82.40
87.	Crescent	214.90	127.	Granite	129.50
88.	Wahpun	124.30	128.	Forestburg	123.50
89.	Peace River	122.25	129.	Meridian	118.95
90.	Norwood	198.40	130.	Hussar	94.25
91.	Patricia	995.00	131.	Kitscoty	27.75
92.	Saskatchewan	196.49	132.	Craigmyle	73.00
93.	Symbol	573.50	133.	Manyberries	26.75
94.	Lamont	37.25	134.	Renfrew	237.42
95.	Kitchener	85.75	135.	Alliance	89.00
96.	Dynamic	45.50	136.	Cresset	73.90
97.	Albion	55.19	137.	Irricana	182.20
98.	Hand Hill	101.50	138.	Onoway	71.35
99.	Mount Moriah	27.75	139.	Melrose	52.50
100.	Warner	96.10	140.	Big Valley	97.40
101.	West Edmonton	205.70	141.	Efficiency	12.75
102.	Edgerton	71.35	142.	Ivanhoe	192.70
103.	Foremost	36.45	143.	Jasper Park	178.90
104.	Oyen	172.30	144.	Gratton	69.65
105.	Grande Prairie	107.80	145.	St. Alban's	166.00
106.	Lake Saskatoon	86.74	146.	Drumheller	140.30
107.	Carbon	122.15	147.	Northland	73.30
108.	Pyramid	83.15	148.	Mayerthorpe	90.35
109.	Ancient Landmark	113.40	U.D.	Rosebud	106.30
110.	Kilwinning	78.10	U.D.	Donalda	88.80
111.	Nobleford	71.00	U.D.	Whitecourt	82.30
112.	Victory	72.37	U.D.	Locheam	29.15
113.	Cyprus	96.05	U.D.	Standard	83.35
114.	Westlock	127.35	Masonic District No. 3	84.15	
115.	Crocus	81.15	Masonic District No. 11	49.00	
116.	Spirit River	99.75	Sundry Accounts	10.70	
117.	Dominion	71.75			
118.	St. Mark's	168.25			
119.	York	177.90			
			Total	\$26,144.86	

LEDGER BALANCES

As at January 31, 1928

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
2.	Medicine Hat.....	\$ 24.55	23.	Calgary.....	201.25
3.	Alberta.....	5.75	25.	St. John's.....	13.15
4.	North Star.....	10.85	26.	Sentinel.....	1.10
9.	Perfection.....	4.00	28.	Ashlar.....	12.85
12.	Red Deer.....	4.55	30.	Summit.....	3.75
13.	Victoria.....	6.16	31.	Doric.....	2.55
14.	Jasper.....	.05	34.	Star of the West.....	.05
16.	Mountain View.....	.88	37.	Camrose.....	5.15
20.	Carstairs.....	4.52	38.	Hope.....	15
22.	Corinthian.....	.20	39.	Lethbridge.....	3.80

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
45.	Ionic.....	\$ 37.35	103.	Foremost.....	.15
46.	Palestine.....	4.85	104.	Oyen.....	.60
49.	Robert Burns.....	.15	107.	Carbon.....	3.05
50.	Comet.....	3.30	109.	Ancient Landmark...	10.80
51.	Unity.....	.15	110.	Kilwinning.....	.15
53.	Strathmore.....	13.10	112.	Victory.....	.88
55.	Bassano.....	3.95	113.	Cyprus.....	39.00
57.	Grassy Lake.....	23.90	114.	Westlock.....	.30
61.	Provost.....	11.20	115.	Crocus.....	1.95
63.	Empire.....	1.45	116.	Spirit River.....	2.10
64.	Bow Island.....	24.00	117.	Dominion.....	15.85
65.	Diamond City.....	.15	120.	Monitor.....	178.20
66.	St. Andrew's.....	1.30	121.	Clive.....	5.13
67.	Charity.....	6.40	122.	Rising Sun.....	2.84
68.	Edson.....	13.60	123.	Rockyford.....	.45
69.	Connaught.....	4.55	124.	Concord.....	9.30
70.	Quarry.....	10.20	125.	Cavell.....	4.25
71.	Tawatinaw.....	1.55	126.	Pembina.....	9.05
72.	Coronation.....	5.10	127.	Granite.....	4.85
73.	Brooks.....	3.00	128.	Forestburg.....	.70
74.	Vulcan.....	15.20	129.	Meridian.....	2.35
75.	Harmony.....	.10	131.	Kitscoty.....	3.65
76.	Fidelity.....	8.55	132.	Craigmyle.....	2.85
79.	Morning Star.....	7.65	134.	Renfrew.....	.73
80.	Excelsior.....	6.26	135.	Alliance.....	31.40
81.	Commercial.....	3.45	136.	Cresset.....	2.45
85.	Suffield.....	5.05	137.	Irricana.....	.15
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	.80	139.	Melrose.....	3.09
87.	Crescent.....	185.30	140.	Big Valley.....	15.55
88.	Wahpun.....	2.75	141.	Efficiency.....	64.25
89.	Peace River.....	3.15	143.	Jasper Park.....	.30
90.	Norwood.....	3.45	144.	Gratton.....	.20
91.	Patricia.....	53.00	145.	St. Alban's.....	7.30
92.	Saskatchewan.....	1.88	146.	Drumheller.....	.45
94.	Lamont.....	3.30	U.D.	Rosebud.....	16.30
95.	Kitchener.....	.65	U.D.	Donalda.....	.30
96.	Dynamic.....	7.35	U.D.	Locheam.....	71.90
97.	Albion.....	2.46	U.D.	Standard.....	.30
98.	Hand Hill.....	7.70	Masonic District No. 11...		.15
99.	Mount Moriah.....	.70	Masonic District No. 15...		.15
100.	Warner.....	.80			
101.	West Edmonton.....	4.15			
102.	Edgerton.....	5.39			
				Total.....	\$1,317.07

CREDIT BALANCES

As at January 31, 1928

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
5.	Cascade.....	\$ 3.55	19.	Cornerstone.....	.80
6.	Spitzie.....	1.30	24.	Vermilion.....	10.16
7.	Edmonton.....	.60	27.	Apollo.....	3.85
10.	Eureka.....	9.20	29.	Kenilworth.....	5.40
11.	Acacia.....	.51	32.	Cairo.....	2.10
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	.10	35.	Mizpah.....	5.00
18.	Britannia.....	2.75	36.	Gleichen.....	5.65

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
41.	King Solomon.....	\$ 3.80	118.	St. Mark's.....	.75
42.	Bowden.....	4.45	119.	York.....	28.30
43.	Tuscan.....	2.55	130.	Hussar.....	6.85
44.	Buffalo Park.....	1.87	133.	Manyberries.....	2.70
49.	Robert Burns.....	1.20	138.	Onoway.....	11.85
56.	Beaver.....	6.90	142.	Ivanhoe.....	2.80
58.	Chief Mountain.....	.20	147.	Northland.....	.25
60.	Acme.....	5.85	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	10.50
62.	Coal.....	.20	U.D. Whitecourt.....	.10	
77.	Strathcona.....	3.90	Masonic District No. 2.....	17.30	
78.	Hanna.....	1.10	Masonic District No. 5.....	.10	
84.	Champion.....	3.55	Masonic District No. 9.....	8.75	
93.	Symbol.....	11.35	Masonic District No. 12... ..	1.50	
105.	Grande Prairie.....	19.50			
106.	Lake Saskatoon.....	.75	Total.....	\$215.39	
108.	Pyramid.....	5.50			

MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND RECEIPTS

From February 1, 1927, to January 31, 1928.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	
14.	Jasper.....	\$ 12.00	Transferred from Current
122.	Rising Sun.....	25.00	Account.....
Rent, 3rd Ave. property,			Interest, Savings.....
Calgary.....	140.00		
Rent, 14th Ave. property,			
Calgary.....	524.15		
			\$6,999.73

MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND STATEMENT

Feb. 1, 1927—Balance in Savings Account.....	\$ 8,138.02
Cash Receipts.....	664.15
Donations.....	37.00
Dues.....	6,828.25
Transfer from General Fund.....	5,000.00
Interest Savings.....	171.48
	<u>\$ 20,838.90</u>
Less:	
Invested in Bonds.....	\$18,109.03
City of Calgary, Taxes.....	277.49
Security Trust Co. Insurance.....	77.20
F. M. Steacy, Repairs.....	12.50
Transfer to Relief Fund Account.....	296.96
	<u>18,773.18</u>
Feb. 1, 1928—Balance in Savings Account.....	<u>\$ 2,065.72</u>

MASONIC RELIEF FUND STATEMENT

Feb. 1, 1927—Balance in Savings Account.....	\$ 7,531.16
Interest on Bonds.....	5,885.81
Dues.....	6,828.25
Transferred from Benevolent Fund.....	296.96
Champion Lodge No. 84, Grant to Widow.....	120.00
Interest, Savings.....	88.35
	\$ 20,750.53
Less:	
Total Cheques Issued.....	17,534.65
Feb. 1, 1928—Balance in Savings Account.....	\$ 3,218.88

INVESTMENT AND LOAN ACCOUNT

Benevolent Fund:	
Dominion and Provincial Bonds (Par Value).....	\$136,503.33
Calgary Real Estate.....	6,000.00
Benevolent Loans.....	500.00
	\$143,003.33

INTEREST ACCOUNT

As at January 31, 1928

Dominion and Provincial Bonds, Benevolent Fund.....	\$ 1,260.89
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

Calgary, May 28th, 1928

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I have conducted an audit of the books and records of the Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ended 31st January, 1928, and submit herewith the following statements:

Balance Sheet of the General and Benevolent Funds as at 31st January, 1928.

Abstract Statement of the Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the General and Benevolent Funds for the period.

Revenue Account for the period showing the result of the operations during the past year.

I have to report that all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with, that full and sufficient vouchers have been furnished me covering all payments, and all information and explanations required by me have been satisfactorily answered.

There is nothing that calls for special comment in these statements which show Grand Lodge to be in a highly satisfactory condition.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1928**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
General Fund:		General Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 2,073.23	Balances due to Lodges.....	\$ 215.39
Balances due from Lodges.....	1,317.07	Surplus Account:	
Books, Stationery & Supplies on hand.	5,696.32	Balance Feb. 1st, 1927.....	\$ 13,404.60
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,016.62	Plus excess of income over	
Regalia.....	182.25	Expenditure as per Revenue Account.....	1,740.15
Balance due from Relief & Benevolent Funds.....	64.50		<u>15,144.75</u>
Cheque held for deposit.....	10.15		5,000.00
	<u>\$ 10,360.14</u>	Less Transferred to Benevolent Fund.....	<u>10,144.75</u>
			\$ 10,360.14
Benevolent Funds:		Benevolent Funds:	
Balances in Bank of Nova Scotia:		Balances due General Fund.....	64.50
Savings Account—Relief Fund.....	3,215.88	Benevolent Fund Capital Account:	
Savings Account—Benevolent Fund.	2,065.72	Balance Feb. 1, 1927.....	110,357.45
		Less revaluation of Real Estate.....	1,200.00
Investments:			<u>109,157.45</u>
Dominion of Canada and Provincial Government Bonds at cost (par value \$136,503.33).....	135,217.80	Plus transfer from General Fund.....	5,000.00
Real Estate.....	6,000.00	Plus transfer from Relief Fund.....	15,000.00
Sundry Loans.....	500.00	Plus additions during year.....	7,036.73
Accrued Interest.....	1,260.89		<u>136,194.18</u>
	<u>148,260.29</u>		

Relief Fund:	
Balance Feb. 1, 1927	20,277.17
Less transfer to Benevolent Fund.....	15,000.00
	<u>5,277.17</u>
Plus additions during year.	6,724.44
	<u>12,001.61</u>
	148,260.29
	<u>\$158,620.43</u>
	\$158,620.43

Calgary, May 26th, 1928.

I hereby certify the foregoing Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct statement of the financial position of the Grand Lodge as disclosed by the books and information supplied.

WM. IRELAND, Chartered Accountant.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**REVENUE ACCOUNT**

For 12 Months Ended 31st January, 1928.

Membership Fees.....	\$ 6,828.25
Initiation Fees.....	1,282.00
Certificate Fees.....	1,424.00
Life Membership Fees.....	209.00
Charter Fees.....	90.00
Dispensations.....	372.00
Supplies Sold.....	2,431.69
	<u>\$12,636.94</u>

Cost of Supplies Sold:

Inventory, Feb. 1, 1927.....	\$6,036.48
Purchases.....	1,671.17
	<u>7,707.65</u>
Less Inventory Jan. 31, 1928.....	5,696.32
	<u>\$2,011.33</u>

Office Expenses:

Rent.....	744.00
Salaries.....	4,761.50
Postage and Express.....	265.04
Telephones and Telegrams.....	132.18
General Expenses.....	1,260.94
	<u>7,163.66</u>
Insurance.....	258.38
Printing ..	969.09
Regalia ..	364.80
	<u>1,592.27</u>

Depreciation:

Furniture and Fixtures	109.28
Regalia	20.25
	<u>129.53</u>
	<u>10,896.79</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure....	<u>\$ 1,740.15</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1927, to January 31st, 1928.

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank February 1st, 1927.....\$	5,228.27
Receipts from Lodges.....	26,144.86

DISBURSEMENTS

By Books, Stationery & Supplies.....\$	1,671.17
" General Expenses	1,260.94
" Fixtures.....	141.00
" Insurance.....	258.38
" Office Rent.....	744.00
" Salaries.....	4,761.50
" Postage, Express, etc.....	265.04
" Printing.....	969.09
" Regalia.....	364.80
" Telephones & Telegrams.....	132.18
" Exchange.....	75.30
	<u>\$ 10,643.40</u>
" Fees collected from Lodges transferred to Relief & Benevolent Fund.....	13,656.50
" Invested in Bonds for Benevolent Fund	5,000.00
" Balance in Bank.....	2,073.23
	<u>\$ 31,373.13</u>

\$ 31,373.13

Calgary, May 26th, 1928.

I hereby certify that I have audited the foregoing Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and certify same to be true and correct, and in accordance with the vouchers submitted.

W.M. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**RELIEF FUND**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1927,
to January 31st, 1928.

To Balance in Bank February 1st, 1928.....	\$7,531.16	
“ Membership Fees transferred from Current Account.....	6,828.25	
“ Interest on Bond Investment	5,885.81	
“ Interest on Savings Account	88.35	
“ Revenue from Properties.	296.96	
“ Repayments of Loans and Grants.	120.00	
By Grants made.....		\$ 6,459.94
“ Invested in Bonds.....		11,074.71
“ Balance in Bank.....		3,215.88
	<u>\$20,750.53</u>	<u>\$20,750.53</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1927,
to January 31st, 1928.

To Balance in Bank Feb. 1, 1927.....	\$ 8,138.02	
“ Membership Fees transferred from Current Account.....	6,828.25	
“ Rents from Properties.....	664.15	
“ Donations.....	37.00	
“ Interest Earnings	171.48	
“ Transfer from Current Account Surplus as per resolution of Grand Lodge.....	5,000.00	
By Bonds Purchased.....		\$18,109.03
“ City of Calgary Taxes.....		277.49
“ Insurance on Properties		77.20
“ Repairs to Properties.		12.50
“ Transferred to Relief Fund.....		296.96
“ Balance in Bank.....		2,065.72
	<u>\$20,838.90</u>	<u>\$20,838.90</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st to May 31st, 1928.

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
To Balance February 1, 1928.....	\$ 2,073.23	By Books & Stationery.....	\$ 188.44
Receipts from Lodges.....	2,838.73	“ Expense.....	416.53
Fire Insurance recovered.....	1,761.85	“ Fixtures.....	11.50
		“ Rent.....	218.66
		“ Salaries.....	2,000.00
		“ Postage & Express.....	97.32
		“ Printing.....	119.66
		“ Telephones & Telegrams.....	51.85
		“ Special Grant.....	1,500.00
		“ Fire Loss.....	663.00
		“ Exchange.....	15.95
		“ Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	1,390.90
	<u>\$ 6,673.81</u>		<u>\$ 6,673.81</u>

I beg to report that I have audited the Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., for the period from February 1st to May 31st, 1928. Satisfactory vouchers have been produced to me for all receipts and expenditures.

Respectfully reported by

E. RICHARDSON,
Chartered Accountant.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**RELIEF FUND**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st to May 31st, 1928

To Balance in Bank February 1, 1928.....	\$3,215.88	
Interest on Bonds.....	1,400.00	
Refund on Grants.....	10.00	
By Grants paid.....		\$3,417.75
Balance in Bank 31st May, 1928.....		1,208.13
	<u>\$4,625.88</u>	<u>\$4,625.88</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st to May 31st, 1928

To Balance in Bank February 1, 1928.....	\$2,065.72	
Rents.....	240.00	
By Adjustments on Bond Interest.....		\$ 1.85
Repairs to Properties.....		5.00
Balance in Bank 31st May, 1928.....		2,298.87
	<u>\$2,305.72</u>	<u>\$2,305.72</u>

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), "That the Report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and that the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:00 o'clock noon.

First Day - - Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 1:30 o'clock p.m.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have pleasure in presenting the Twenty-third Annual Report as Acting Grand Lodge Librarian of this Grand Lodge.

We desire to make grateful acknowledgment of the receipt of the following:

1. Copies of the Proceedings of sister jurisdictions for the present year, also copies of the Proceedings of former years, where such were wanting to complete our Grand Lodge Library.
2. Copies of digests, codes, year books, etc., donated.
3. Copies of leading Masonic publications, supplied by their editors.

While applicants for the travelling library have not been so numerous during the past year as formerly, we are pleased to report that this is more than offset by the number of lodges who are building up their own libraries and particularly the practice established by some lodges of giving well known Masonic works as presentation copies to their newly raised brethren.

As a result of the fire in the Elma Block, our Reference Library, particularly the proceedings, suffered considerably from water damage. We are of the opinion that a great many of these books should be replaced and as ample provision was made in the adjustment of the fire loss, we would suggest that the sum of \$1,500.00 be specially set aside for the purpose of defraying the cost of replacing copies of the proceedings so damaged. That portion of the reference library covering books on Masonic subjects, I am pleased to state suffered but slight damage as M.W. Bro. Taylor kept the more valuable books in a bookcase.

This committee is greatly indebted to Bro. J. D. McArar for his kind assistance in preparing an estimate of the loss sustained on the Grand Lodge Library and assisting the committee in adjusting the loss with the Insurance Underwriters.

We have in stock a number of books on Masonic subjects, which were slightly damaged by water. These we would suggest to be offered to members of the Craft at a reduced price and when our stock is exhausted, would suggest that the same be replenished and the prices adjusted accordingly.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. IRELAND,

Acting Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83), seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), "That the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Calgary, June 13, 1928

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes met immediately after the close of the Twenty-second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and arranged the usual standing committees.

An emergent meeting of the Board was called at the offices of Grand Lodge on Saturday, March 31, 1928, relative to the death of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. The necessary arrangements were made for carrying on the business of Grand Lodge and in recognition of the splendid services of our late Grand Secretary a grant of \$1,500.00 was made to his widow.

The Board again met on Tuesday, June 12, 1928, when all matters for consideration were distributed to the proper sub-committees and will appear in the reports presented by them.

An improved ballot box was presented to the Board by R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands, of Jasper Lodge, No. 14. The box will be on display at the present sessions and is commended for the consideration of the brethren.

On a motion carried over from the last annual communication, consideration was given to the payment of the personal expenses of D.D.G.M.'s while making official visits, but the Board declines to make any recommendation.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), "That the Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF
MASONRY**

Calgary, June 12, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry has given close attention to the returns of the fifteen District Deputy Grand Masters and begs to report thereon as follows:

All the reports are in optimistic terms and while in one case, unfortunately, insubordination is reported and a few of the smaller lodges are listed as "dormant" the general condition is reported "active." A feature of the reports is the harmonious and forward looking attitude in most of the lodges.

It is pleasing to note that almost every lodge in the Province received at least one official visit from your duly elected representatives and in numerous cases two and three visits were made. This must have excellent effect in correlating the spirit and work of the lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

The perennial questions of non-payment of dues and poor attendance again receive major consideration and one D.D.G.M. suggests that Grand Lodge consider drastic action in the matter of outstanding dues.

There are signs of improvement but in general, conditions in this respect are not better than last year. Some lodges have made noteworthy efforts to clear up arrearages and five lodges are fortunate in being able to show no arrears. An analysis of arrearages reveals that the per capita debt for the entire jurisdiction is \$2.67. For the twenty nine lodges in the four larger centres, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, the per capita arrears are \$1.96 and for all the other lodges \$3.25. There is no desire on the part of your committee to make invidious comparisons between city and country lodges. Economic conditions in the Province, until last year, were such that collections in the smaller cities and towns were difficult. The figures are set out in the hope that lodges will give them serious consideration and immediately set about reducing them to healthier levels.

The reports show indisputably that numerically small lodges are in the best position in finance and attendance.

It is a matter for regret that the recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, requiring D.D.G.M.'s and lodge secretaries to distinguish between resident and non-resident members in reports, was not put into effect. The present attendance figures therefore include both classes. The average attendance in the city lodges is 24 per cent and in the towns and villages, 32 per cent, but without the distinction mentioned these figures are somewhat misleading. We again recommend that Secretaries in making the required returns distinguish between resident and non-resident members and that the attendance statistics be based upon the resident numbers only.

The net annual growth is not only lower than the average for the past five years but the relation of gain to total membership is steadily declining. Eighty-six lodges report net gains, forty-one lodges net losses and eighteen remain at the figures shown in the last report.

We observe that in the main the financial standing of the lodges is satisfactory.

We note, too, with pleasure the keen interest being taken in many parts of the jurisdiction in temple building. This is a very hopeful sign.

With the arrival of more prosperous conditions in the Province we believe that the Craft will progress and that the condition of Masonry will steadily improve.

In the matter of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 99, referred to your committee by the D.D.G.M. of District No. 14, we recommend that no change be made in the status of the lodge for the present but that the incoming D.D.G.M. receive special instructions to carefully supervise the lodge and make due report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

For the able and successful performance of their duties, we recommend that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred upon:

Samuel L. McCracken (9)	John Hening (91)
Gilbert M. Blackstock (35)	John A. Preston (72)
Sydney T. Hubbard (7)	John T. McCreath (90)
James W. Gillman (20)	Thomas W. Rogers (65)
Harry V. Phipps (80)	Frederick H. Sutherland (89)
Ronald Knowles (22)	Clifford Grant (98)
Ommund Rostrup (58)	George W. Spires (125)
Alex. M. Morrison (30)	

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,

Chairman of Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. R. Flan (1), "that the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Calgary, June 12, 1928.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Three cases were referred to your committee for consideration and we beg to present the following findings:

1. Lodge No., vs. Bro.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals at the Twenty-second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge the finding of ----- Lodge in this case was concurred in and the accused Bro. ordered to appear at the present communication to show cause why he should not be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. Owing to the death of the Grand Secretary and the subsequent fire in the Grand Lodge offices no summons was sent to Bro.

We recommend, therefore, that Bro. be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes at its next annual communication to show cause why he should not be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

2. Lodge No., vs. Bro.

This brother was charged with serious offences involving moral turpitude. He pleaded guilty without reservation to each and all of the charges. The lodge thereupon by ballot agreed to recommend to Grand Lodge that he be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

We concur in the finding and recommend that Bro. be summarily expelled.

3. Lodge No., vs. Bro.

This brother was charged with the conversion of funds. At the request of his lodge he was tried by a commission of Grand Lodge who found him guilty on all counts and recommend sentence of indefinite suspension. We concur in the finding and recommend accordingly.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
H. D. R. STEWART,
E. G. IRONSIDE,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83), "That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Calgary, June 13, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

In submitting this report of the Committee on Benevolence of Grand Lodge, one thought will come uppermost, that is, the great loss that this committee in common with every other branch of activity in Grand Lodge has sustained by the passing of our beloved Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. He was the Secretary of this committee since its inception and his unfailing kindness, tact, and readiness to serve, made him invaluable and his place will be hard to fill. He knew better than all of us, the circumstances of each and every case; knew many of the beneficiaries personally and could always be depended on to give sound sympathetic advice to bereaved and often bewildered ones, who came to him for help. We hope that Grand Lodge in its wisdom will give us another like him to carry on this work as he did, as otherwise the work of this committee cannot be as effective as it has been.

In the past year the work of administering this important fund has been a pleasant duty and it becomes much easier for the committee as the lodges more and more realize their duty in connection with this benevolent work. The local lodge should know, and usually does know, all the circumstances of a case for assistance originating among its membership. This simplifies the work of the committee as those on the spot and familiar with the needs of the case, know better than anyone else what is required.

The committee wish to express their gratitude to those brethren in the different lodges, who so willingly and freely gave their services in connection with this work.

No one can so well assist and advise a bereaved widow, often ignorant of business, as the Masonic friends and brothers of him who has passed to the great beyond, and we all know cases where much loss would have been sustained, but for such assistance and advice and your committee would like those here assembled to impress on the membership of their respective lodges the wisdom of advising their wives and children to go to the Master or Secretary of the lodge in cases of be-

reavement or difficulty. If this were done some of our dependents would not suffer so much financial loss.

This year, as in the past, we have had some beneficiaries write and tell us that they need no further assistance. Here again the local lodge can help most materially by keeping posted on the cases in their jurisdiction. Several of those who were receiving assistance have passed beyond such need, but others arise to take their places, so that our disbursements this year are much the same as in the past few years, a little less if anything.

The financial report of the Committee is in your hands so I will not take up your time further with this side of the work. As past reports have mentioned, some of the fatherless and orphans under our care are getting to the age when they will possibly require higher education to fit them for their future work and it seems to this committee that it is our duty to give our wards at least as good a chance in life as their fathers would have done had they lived. Some who have no ambition in that direction may have to be assisted to find the work for which they are adapted, or for which they have an inclination. One family of two lads, with their mother, are now trying to get along on a rented farm, and so far, successfully. Here again the duty of the individual lodge is clear and they can rest assured that the Committee on Benevolence is behind them. Of course each case will have to be considered carefully on its merits.

We are still feeling the effects of the war. Several of our beneficiaries are in Sanatoriums as the result of gas poisoning and exposure and while they are being taken care of by the Government, their dependents need our help. We could tell you stories of heroic wives working hard to keep the home fire burning, some of them too independent to apply for assistance until some brother finds out their need.

It appears to some of the members of this committee that we might be enlarging our sphere of work in other directions and an opportunity will be given Grand Lodge to discuss one way in which this may be done. One trouble the committee has had this past two years is that the regulations under which we work, which were well and wisely drawn up, require a quorum of five for our meetings. As only five members of the committee reside in Calgary, where the meetings are held, it is often difficult to get the required number together. Those members of the committee who are living in different parts of this Grand Jurisdiction are necessary to oversee the work in their different localities. The committee would respectfully request Grand Lodge to either enlarge the committee by at least one more residing in Calgary, or reduce the number required for a quorum to four.

In reading over the report of those receiving help, the amounts given to some may appear small. The reason for this is that the committee have always tried to exhaust every other means of assistance, such as Mothers' pensions, Workmen's Compensation pensions, Military pensions, etc., and then supplement such by enough to enable the recipients to live fairly comfortably.

Our report would be incomplete without again acknowledging our indebtedness to brethren outside the Province who help us by keeping in touch with our dependents and keeping the committee posted from time to time as to their progress.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN GILLESPIE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. John Gillespie (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), "That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

January 31, 1927, to February 1, 1928.

Mrs. M. B. Aged widow. Grant of \$240.00.
 Mrs. S. E. B. Widow. Taxes on property \$32.45, and grant of \$30.00 a month.
 Bro. J. B. Unable to work. Has a family of five children to support. Grant of \$360.00.
 Mrs. H. G. B. Widow with four children. Grant of \$240.00.
 Bro. J. C. Ill with inflammatory rheumatism. Grant of \$300.00.
 Bro. D. C. Serious illness. Family of nine. Grant of \$30.00
 Mrs. M. D. C. Widow with three children. Grant of \$120.00.
 Mrs. K. C. Widow with five children. Grant of \$300.00.
 Bro. H. T. C. Widower, ill with incurable disease. Grant of \$120.00.
 Bro. G. R. C. Aged brother recovering from operations. Grant of \$50.00.
 Bro. C. A. S. C. Temporary assistance, \$25.00.
 Four orphan children of the late Bro. J. C. Grant of \$180.00.
 Mrs. W. B. D. Widow with one child. Grant of \$30.00.
 Bro. E. D. Temporary assistance, \$45.00.
 Bro. C. E. Serious illness, requiring major operation. Grant of \$142.50.
 Bro. J. P. E. Aged brother in distress. Grant of \$75.00.
 Mrs. J. G. Widow with two children. Grant of \$50.00.
 Mrs. S. J. An aged widow. Grant of \$60.00.
 Mrs. W. J. Deserted by husband. Has one child. Grant of \$300.00.
 Mrs. O. M. K. Widow with sick child. Grant of \$30.00.
 Bro. G. L. Temporary assistance, \$75.00.
 Mrs. W. S. M. Widow with three children. Grant of \$236.07.
 Mrs. A. M. Widow with two children. Grant of \$142.50.
 Bro. L. M. M. In sanitarium, suffering with tuberculosis. Grant of \$50.00.
 Mrs. E. M. Widow with four children, three dependent. Grant of \$120.00.
 Mrs. J. M. Widow with one child. Grant of \$300.00.
 Mrs. E. McC. Widow with two children. Given free use of house, including light, heat and water.
 Mrs. L. McC. Widow with one child. Grant of \$180.00.
 Bro. A. H. P. Aged brother without relatives or means of support. Grant of \$420.00.
 Bro. J. R. Aged brother without relatives or means of support. Grant of \$200.00.
 Bro. P. R. Aged brother without relatives or means of support. Grant of \$300.00.
 Mrs. D. R. R. In distressed financial circumstances. Grant of \$240.00.
 Bro. N. G. R. Ill. Temporary assistance, \$50.00.
 Bro. and Mrs. H. S. Aged couple. Grant of \$300.00.
 Bro. W. A. W. Ill. Temporary assistance, \$25.00.
 Three orphan children of the late Bro. J. D. W. Grant of \$300.00.
 Mrs. S. E. W. Aged widow. Grant of \$240.00.

Total..... \$6,459.94

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

Calgary, June 13, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on Charters and New Lodges beg leave to report
as follows:

We have examined the books and records of the following lodges
under dispensation:

Rosebud Lodge, Rosebud, in the Fourteenth Masonic District.

Donalda Lodge, Donalda, in the Ninth Masonic District.

Whitecourt Lodge, Whitecourt, in the Twelfth Masonic District.

Lochearn Lodge, Rocky Mountain House, in the Fourth Masonic
District.

Standard Lodge, Standard, in the First Masonic District.

We find that the registers of Rosebud, Donalda and Lochearn
Lodges are in some places signed with pencil and in the case of Donalda
Lodge we find the Secretary has signed some of the minutes with pencil.
Although this has been pointed out on several previous occasions, we
still find some of the lodges using pencil in place of ink.

The Donalda and Lochearn Lodges have made no entries in their
membership registers. We would call the attention of the officer
responsible that these entries should be recorded in the back portion
of the Historical Register.

We would call attention to the fact that lodges under dispensation
cannot hold meetings after the 15th day of May, preceding the next
Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, according to Section 260 of
the Constitution.

We recommend that a charter be granted to Rosebud Lodge, U.D.,
at Rosebud, and upon completion of membership register and receipt of
recommendation from D.D.G.M., that a charter be granted to Donalda
Lodge, U.D., at Donalda, and upon completion of membership register
that a charter be granted to Lochearn Lodge, U.D., Rocky Mountain
House.

In the case of Whitecourt Lodge, U.D., at Whitecourt, we concur
with the suggestion of the D.D.G.M. that in view of the inexperience
of the officers that the lodge be continued under dispensation another
year.

In the cases of Standard Lodge, U.D., at Standard, and Sharon
Lodge, U.D., at Iron Springs, these lodges not having been under
dispensation for the required six months, it is necessary that they also
be continued under dispensation for another year.

Fraternally submitted,

S. M. SNEDDEN,

J. W. GILLMAN,

G. W. SPIRES,

SAM HARRIS,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), seconded
by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), "That consideration of the Report on
Charters and New Lodges be deferred until Thursday morning, in order
that the question of time necessary for lodges to remain under dispen-
sation be looked into."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

Calgary, June 13, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The usual statements showing the financial transactions of Grand Lodge for the period, February 1, 1927, to January 31, 1928, and covering receipts and disbursements of the General Fund, Relief Fund and Benevolent Capital Fund, together with a General Balance Sheet as at January 31, 1928, also a statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the General Fund, Relief Fund and Benevolent Fund from February 1, 1928, to May 31, 1928, have been printed and distributed amongst the brethren of Grand Lodge. These statements show very substantial progress during the year, and the financial position of Grand Lodge to be most satisfactory.

All expenditure have been carefully examined and their payment authorized. The auditors of Grand Lodge have audited all transactions, and have checked all the securities, which consist almost entirely of fully registered Dominion and Provincial Bonds deposited in a Safety Deposit Box in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary, and have verified as to their correctness. All surplus funds have been invested in bonds from time to time. These bonds are shown on the Balance Sheet at cost—\$135,217.80; the present market value is \$140,895.00.

We recommend that \$5,000.00 be transferred from the surplus in the Relief Fund to the Benevolent Fund Capital Account.

The value of the Real Estate held by Grand Lodge has been reduced from \$7,200.00 to \$6,000.00, in accordance with the recommendation of your Finance Committee approved at the last communication of Grand Lodge. The net return from this property during the past year at the reduced valuation was 4.95 per cent. Efforts have been made during the year to sell this real estate, but a satisfactory price has not yet been obtained.

The principal, \$150.00, of one of the two outstanding loans made to brethren has been paid. Nothing has been paid on the other loan, \$350.00, although the brother has been urged to make regular payments, no matter how small.

Tenders for the printing of the proceedings of Grand Lodge have been called for in Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg. The lowest tender was received from the Albertan Job Press, Calgary, and its acceptance is recommended.

We again call the attention of Grand Lodge to the steadily declining return of interest on any new investments in Bonds, and in order to improve our interest return on future investments we recommend that the Constitution be amended to permit of investment in the Bonds of Canadian cities with a population of 50,000 or more as well as in the Bonds of the Dominion and Provincial Governments.

We recommend that R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland be reappointed Auditor during the current year except that period during which he was acting as Grand Secretary, and that he be paid the sum of \$200.00 for his services. Your committee have arranged for Mr. Eric Richardson, Chartered Accountant, to audit the financial transactions of Grand

Lodge during the period R.W. Bro. Ireland has been acting as Grand Secretary.

On April 11th last the Elma Block, in which our Grand Lodge offices were located, was destroyed by fire, necessitating the securing of new quarters. After careful investigation your committee, with the approval of the M.W. the Grand Master, decided to rent three rooms on the fifth floor of the Leeson and Lineham Block, Calgary. While these offices are not altogether adequate, they will serve the purposes of Grand Lodge until more desirable quarters are available.

Our supplies, and office furniture and fixtures sustained considerable damage by water, but were fully covered by insurance. A special committee was appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master to adjust the loss, and the sum of \$4,611.37 was agreed upon, which we consider a very favorable settlement.

We recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary for the coming year be at the rate of \$3,000.00 per annum, payable monthly.

We recommend that a grant of \$65.00 from the General Funds of Grand Lodge be made to cover the funeral expenses of our late Bro. John Watson Davis, who died on May 7th last at the Keith Sanitarium.

It has been the practice of the lodges in the jurisdiction to purchase Aprons from various manufacturers throughout Canada and the United States, resulting in lack of uniformity, and not always in accordance with the Constitution. To overcome this, we recommend that your Finance Committee obtain samples and prices from various manufacturers and report, with their recommendations, to the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Your committee recommend that the regalia of Grand Lodge be overhauled; such as is worth repairing be repaired and the balance replaced.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and discussed clause by clause."

After discussion, it was resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Calgary, June 13, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations have received during the year just closed requests from three Grand Jurisdictions for fraternal

recognition by the Grand Lodge of Alberta and these have received the earnest consideration of your committee.

Your committee recommends that the Grand Lodge of Alberta enter into Official Fraternal Relations with the Grand Lodge of Chili and that an exchange of representatives be made with this jurisdiction.

With regard to the requests for fraternal recognition from the Grand Lodge of Guatemala and the Grand Lodge of Santo Domingo we recommend that fraternal recognition be deferred until your committee is in possession of more complete information regarding these Grand Lodges.

We submit herewith a review of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges and request that the same be printed as an appendix to our proceedings.

Your committee recommends the purchase by the Grand Secretary for distribution to the lodges of the 1928 edition of the authorized List of Lodges in all regular jurisdictions and that a list of the other Grand Jurisdictions with whom this Grand Lodge is in Official Fraternal Relations be distributed therewith as an insert. We believe this information should be made available to all the lodges as the question of admission to our lodges of members of European Jurisdictions is one which will probably arise more frequently in the future than in the past. We would urge upon the Worshipful Master of all lodges to see that this authorized list be available for reference at all meetings and in case of doubt communication be had with the Grand Secretary.

Your committee is not aware of the method followed by the late Grand Secretary in compiling the list of Grand Lodges with the names and addresses of the Grand Secretaries which appear in the annual proceedings of 1927 at page 140. We have a doubt as to this Grand Lodge being in Official Fraternal Relations with a few of the Grand Lodges mentioned in the 1927 list. Your committee is preparing for publication in the 1928 proceedings a complete and authorized list of all Grand Lodges to which the Grand Lodge of Alberta has officially extended fraternal recognition.

Your committee desires to express their deep sense of loss through the passing of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who for so many years was Chairman of this committee and while Chairman was the sole reviewer of the proceedings of other jurisdictions and who has continued since the appointment of the present Chairman to assist in the work of the committee in reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Masons in the British Isles and in Canada. We have felt his loss not only in the sense that his labors as a fellow worker have ceased, but also through the absence of his kindly sympathy and wise counsel. M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor had very much at heart the welfare of the Institution of Freemasonry and took keen delight in serving the brethren in any and every way calculated to advance the Masonic interest of his brethren. We regret very much that there will appear in this report no reviews from the pen of our deceased brother.

We regret that the proceedings from the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland in the British Isles and of Victoria in Australia for the year 1927 have not yet been received at the office of the Grand Secretary and reviews of these jurisdictions for this reason must be omitted from this report.

In reference to the reviews of the proceedings of the other eight Grand Lodges in the Dominion of Canada, your committee has been

unable to arrange since the death of our late Grand Secretary for the review of these proceedings. Since the work of this committee was undertaken by a number of the brethren under your Chairman, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor has continuously reviewed the annual proceedings of the other Grand Jurisdictions in Canada. We tender our respects and fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Canada, in Ontario, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Saskatchewan, and assure them that these reviews will be arranged for a year hence.

The Chairman desires to express his continued appreciation of the assistance rendered by the other members of the committee, namely:

M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor,
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop,
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis,
R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell,
R.W. Bro. C. V. Bennett,
R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay,
R.W. Bro. F. D. Crump.

We welcome the resumption of labor by R.W. Bro. Crump as an active member of your committee.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Calgary, June 13, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address desire to congratulate our Grand Master on the successful completion of an onerous year of Masonic labor, rendered the more weighty by the serious loss sustained through the death of your late Grand Secretary.

We fully concur in the tribute paid to the memory of that faithful servant of the Craft by your Grand Master. We concur in his recommendation that the Memorial to our late Grand Secretary be read in all lodges and inserted in our proceedings.

Grand Lodge is to be congratulated that the Grand Master is able to report from his observations that our Fraternity is in a flourishing condition and that the increase in "membership leaves nothing to be desired in quality" and we would repeat the Grand Master's recommendation concerning the selection of new material that in case of

doubt, we should "have no hesitation in giving the Order the benefit."

It is a matter of congratulation that the peace and harmony which prevails throughout this extensive jurisdiction was marred only by one matter of serious import which no doubt will be dealt with by the proper committee.

As always our Grand Master has found pleasure in reporting the loyalty and faithfulness of the District Deputy Grand Masters who have served under him.

The wisdom of our Grand Master in appointing R.W. Bro. Ireland as Acting Grand Secretary has been fully justified by the excellent work of this officer of Grand Lodge and we heartily concur in the warm appreciation expressed by the Grand Master for the manner in which he discharged the duties of the office, notwithstanding the difficulties of the situation.

Adding to the difficulties of our Grand Master was the unfortunate occurrence of a fire which disrupted the ordinary routine of Grand Lodge administration. We trust that before long the Grand Lodge offices will be permanently housed in safe and commodious quarters.

In spite of indifferent health we are glad to note that our Grand Master was able to make so many official visitations and participate in the constituting of a lodge and laying of four corner stones as well as attending all the District Meetings and visiting several lodges during the year. We feel sure the Craft has received much benefit and inspiration from these personal contacts with our esteemed Grand Master.

The dispensations granted by the Grand Master appear to have been within the Constitution and his prerogative powers.

We endorse as emphatically as the Grand Master decided, his attitude that it is highly improper and contrary to the spirit and practice of Freemasonry for Masons to conduct raffles, lotteries and games of chance as means of raising funds for Masonic or other purposes, especially as these methods involve appeals to the general public to participate therein.

We strongly commend to the attention of the lodges the remarks of our Grand Master concerning the requests for dispensations to set aside or modify certain clauses or requirements of our Constitution. These applications were very properly refused by him. He truly says that every member is obligated to maintain and abide by the Constitution which having been adopted by Grand Lodge should be rigidly followed and observed.

We regret that the Grand Master found himself unable to accept the friendly invitations of the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Canada in Ontario.

We are pleased to find the attendance at and interest in the District Meetings continues unabated and that the work exemplified and the lectures and addresses given were of an uniformly high order and no doubt have made a strong impression on the brethren privileged to attend these gatherings.

We congratulate the Grand Master on his apparent improvement in health and trust that he may long be spared to share in the activities and labors of our Grand Lodge and of the Craft at large.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, (6), seconded by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, "That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Calgary June 13, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

While feeling reference has been made to the passing of our beloved Grand Secretary in the reports of several of your committees, it seems fitting that in this particular report, dealing with his work, some comment should be made.

Our late Brother was in harness to the end and from the contents of the present report it can readily be seen that his work was, as it has always been, ready and up-to-the-minute. He had completed his annual round of the fifteen district meetings and at them, while he little knew it, had made his farewell contribution in the several parts of our jurisdiction. He was on our business when the fatal seizure occurred and the brief but stirring reference in the present report shows us that he died as he lived, a gentleman and a Mason.

The Grand Lodge was singularly fortunate in having a brother of the calibre of R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland on the spot and willing to carry on. The report is prepared in the usual exact terms, conveying concise information of the work and progress of Grand Lodge. Hampered as he was by the fire in the Grand Lodge offices, R.W. Bro. Ireland has carried out his particularly difficult duties with a good will and proficiency which we are sure will earn the approbation of his brethren.

The report shows steady if somewhat slow growth and the routine business of the Craft faithfully performed.

Except for the fire in the offices at Calgary fully explained in the report itself, there is no other incident in the secretarial work of the Grand Lodge which calls for particular mention.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), "That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Calgary, June 13, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

We, your Committee on Fraternal Dead, note with deep sorrow and sincere regret that the Grand Architect of the Universe has called ninety-eight Master Workmen of this Grand Jurisdiction to lay aside the working tools of life and to take up with Him the enjoyment of the rewards that are due to the faithful Craftsman.

"We cannot say and will not say
That they are dead—they are just away!
With submissive smiles and wave of hands
They have entered into that better land,
And left us thinking how very fair
It must be, since they linger there."

Since last we gathered here in convocation much has happened. Many times our hearts have been moved to joy and our wholesome laughter has spread the contagion of happiness to those with whom we came in contact. During that same time our hearts have been bowed down in deepest grief as we have been startled by the realization that the spirit of many a brother has taken wing and flown into the mysterious firmament of eternity.

We know that some who have heretofore participated with us in our Grand Lodge are here no more. Death has few favors to bestow. With marked impartiality he has left his trail of blighted hopes, broken hearts, and sorrowing homes in every community where the fellowship of Masonry has found an abiding place. We grieve for our departed members. We miss their happy faces, their joyful voices, their warm handclasps, but our grief is softened by the faith that some day on the illimitable shores of time we shall again grasp their hands, look into their eyes and know that their hearts vibrating with friendship and fellowship, beat for us as in days of old, and that with hand clasped in hand we will again join in that grand chorus of "Auld Lang Syne."

Representative of all our brethren who have departed this life during the past year, we mention one by name—M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, who in May, 1915, was elected Grand Master, in May 1916, Grand Treasurer and in May, 1917, Grand Secretary, which responsible office he held with great credit to himself and the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction until his demise. No greater tribute could be paid any man than to say of him honestly and sincerely that he was a real, a true Mason. That we say of our departed brother, and all over the world Masonic brethren join with us and say Amen in their hearts. Although he has disappeared from our earthly vision, still we know that the influence of his life will remain, because "to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

During the period under review, fifty-five lodges within our own jurisdiction have been called upon to mourn the death of ninety-eight of our brethren. To the bereaved families of our departed members we extend our sincere condolence and bow our heads in sympathetic woe with those whose heart's ties have been thus rudely broken.

Death has been a frequent visitor in sister jurisdictions. Eighteen of the Grand Lodges have held Lodges of Sorrow for thirty beloved and

distinguished brethren. We deeply sympathize with our brethren of sister Grand Jurisdictions.

From the earliest days of the world's youth, when the morning stars first sang together and every bush and tree was filled with the divine melody of feathered songsters, and every bud, blossom, and petal gave forth grateful perfume of adoration and love to the Creator of the Universe, when the first man looked into the cold and pallid face of the first dead human being, down to this moment, man in his bereavement has desperately called for some response from the loved ones who have passed into eternity, but the only answer has been the empty echo of a wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word, but in the night of death, "hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of an angel's wings."

"Be brave, O heart, be brave.
It is not strange that man survives the grave.
'T would be a stranger thing were he destroyed,
Than that he ever vaulted from the void."

Today, with loving thoughts and cherished memories, we recall those brethren who have heard the summons of the "muffled oar" and endeavor from their virtues to develop our lives in the best and noblest and truest service. The virtues of their lives shall flow on forever, singing their own sweet song of friendship and fellowship, while along their course will spring fresh fragrant flowers of beauty, innocence and truth to adorn and lend a lasting glory to the cardinal principles of Masonry—Brotherly Love—Relief and Truth.

These Grand Lodge gatherings mark for us the rapid transit of time and the nearing of eternity. So let this hour be a Memorial for our own dead, and with holy thoughts and tender memories let us live again with those dear ones gone, and by the force and strength of their unseen but all pervading influence so shape our lives that when our work is done we may sink softly to sleep, our souls replete with happiness and the consciousness that we have done our full duty and that the world is better for our having lived.

Let us stand in silent meditation for just a moment in memory of our brethren who have passed out of our immediate company but who so long as memory lasts will dwell with us as we come together in this annual convocation.

"Beyond the sunsets crimson bars,
Beyond the twilight and the stars,
Beyond the midnight and the dark,
Sail on, Sail on, O happy barque,
Into the dawn of that tomorrow
Where hearts shall find the end of sorrow,
And love shall find its own."

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN G. GODDARD,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. G. Goddard (27), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of the Grand Lodge assured to all affected lodges and Grand Lodges."

RECEPTION OF GUEST

R.W. Bro. W. Ireland was directed by the M.W. the Grand Master to retire and introduce Bro. John MacKay, D.D., Principal of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, a Masonic student of note, who, at the invitation of the Grand Master, had kindly consented to give an address at this communication. He was graciously received at the altar by the Grand Master and given a hearty welcome by the brethren.

PRESENTATION TO GRAND LODGE

V.W. Bro. D. D. Penman, of Patricia Lodge No. 91 Edmonton in a brief speech requested Grand Lodge to accept as a personal gift a splendid case of gavels made from oak obtained from the Musee Communale Cambrai France, which showed the scars of shrapnel. The inlaid patterns and emblems on the case and gavels is most beautifully done and the work of a skilled artist. Bro. Penman's handiwork was much admired by the members of Grand Lodge, and on the motion of R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23), seconded by V.W. Bro. M. C. Wright (142), a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered by Grand Lodge to V.W. Bro. David Penman, which was carried with much applause.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor at 4:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Calgary Masonic Temple.

The Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, a procession was formed under the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the North East corner of the building.

The Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the acting Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE
GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 13th day of June, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928, the nineteenth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE THE FIFTH,

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
KING, Defender of the Faith,
EMPEROR OF INDIA

His Excellency, Lord Willingdon, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor, William Egbert, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The Honorable William Lyon MacKenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable J. E. Brownlee, being Premier of the Province of Alberta.

His Worship F. E. Osborne, being Mayor of the City of Calgary.

Bro. A. D. Cumming, being President of the Calgary Masonic Temple, Limited.

W. Bro. R. G. Lebeau, being Secretary of the Calgary Masonic Temple, Limited.

M.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Samuel L. McCracken, being District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District.

W. Bro. C. W. Serace, being Worshipful Master of Renfrew Lodge, No. 134.

THIS CORNER STONE
of
THE CALGARY MASONIC TEMPLE

was laid by M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of Calgary.

The Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containing coins of the Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective offices to the stone after it had been placed in position and announced that the Craft had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

As a memento of the occasion, the M.W. the Grand Master was presented with a silver trowel suitably inscribed, by R.W. Bro. D. B. Robertson, on behalf of the Masonic Temple Company.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the place of meeting, where Grand Lodge resumed labor at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

The Grand Master announced that R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey was the victim of an unfortunate accident at the laying of the corner stone, in which his leg was broken, and that he was sure R.W. Bro. Chauncey would receive the sympathy of all present.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. D. Higginbotham (4), "That this Grand Lodge extend to R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey its sincere sympathy with him in the injuries sustained at the laying of the corner stone, that flowers be sent accompanying this message, and that this Grand Lodge assume and pay all hospital and medical expenses incurred by the R.W. Brother as a result of his unfortunate accident, during a Grand Lodge ceremony."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

The members of Grand Lodge were tendered a very enjoyable banquet at the Palliser Hotel and afterwards were entertained with

an excellent musical program and speeches. Bro. John MacKay, D.D., Principal of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, the speaker of the evening, delivered a most interesting address, which was highly appreciated by those present.

ADDRESS

by

BRO. JOHN MACKAY, D.D.,

Principal of Manitoba College

Given at the Banquet held in the Dining Room of the Palliser Hotel,
Calgary, Wednesday Evening, the 13th day of June, 1928,
in connection with the Annual Communication
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir, Most Worshipful Sirs and Brethren:

I count it a very high honor to be permitted to be your guest on the occasion of your 23rd Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. One Mason always feels at home among Brother Masons, but tonight I feel specially at home because I see among your number several who are old friends of mine. Two college mates, Judge Jackson and Mr. Ray, of Edmonton, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. Terrill and Dr. Kerby, of Calgary, and many others, and I have just discovered that Dr. Braithwaite, a very old member of Northern Light Lodge, of Winnipeg, was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, twenty-five years ago.

Before I left I was empowered by the Grand Master of our Grand Lodge to bring to you as a Grand Lodge the heartiest greetings and best wishes of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which is meeting in Winnipeg today and tomorrow, and it gives me a very great deal of pleasure to be present with you at the same time that our brethren are meeting in Manitoba.

I feel tonight in addressing myself to the Toast, to "The Masonic Order in the New World Order" like the little coloured boy that I heard about on the train. He had just been working very hard to finish a gigantic water-melon and had given up with a deep sigh, when somebody came along and said, "Too much water-melon, Rastus?" "No boss, there ain't no such thing as too much water-melon, but I'm afraid there's not enough Nigger for this job." (Laughter). I am not at all afraid that the subject which I have chosen is too much of a subject for the Masonic Order, because you are accustomed to thinking about the fundamental things of life and about the higher purposes which govern our Universe, but I am a little bit afraid that there is not enough "Nigger" in the speaker to do justice to this great subject. However, I want tonight, to try to give you a little survey of the World situation which we are facing today. It is a commonplace of almost every age that we are living in the most wonderful day which has ever been. It is easy to say that, and yet if you study history you will find that the World has passed through certain periods that we might call almost static. Some sections of the World, for almost a thousand years, have been practically static. Other sections have been moving forward with great rapidity. But we have now come into a day in which every section of the World, without a single excep-

tion, seems to be touched with a spirit of unrest, with a new sense of the greater potentialities of life and a new eagerness to discover other reaches to which life can be lifted, and it is our task as thoughtful men, members of this great World Brotherhood of ours, to face up to what is occurring throughout the whole World and to ask ourselves what its meaning is for each of us. We pass this way but once and it is our task to make the largest contribution we can make to the total sum of human welfare and human happiness.

In the 15th Century, when the great movement known as the Renaissance was at its height, the white races seemed to be re-born by the touch of the ancient civilization of Greece, by the discovery of some of the potential ideas of the civilizations of the Far East, but far more, by the discovery of the North American Continent. At that time the white races were circumscribed, were shut out from contact with the Far East, and so for centuries the outlet of the teeming life due to the new activity of the white races was in the direction of the West, was in the exploiting and the development of two American continents. Out of these two great sections of the World Europe gained its new stock, the wealth which set it on its feet and which gained for it its position of leadership among all the nations of the World.

Very soon the coloured races, the yellow men of Asia and the black men of Africa, came to look upon the white races as a kind of supermen. We have a great gift of initiative, of organization, of strong striking power, and those gifts enabled us to exploit the raw materials of new lands, to build up new forms of civilization, to perfect types of Government, to carry on experiments, all of which has put us in the front rank of the civilized peoples of the World to such an extent that for centuries the yellow peoples looked on the white men with a kind of worship and awe, and white men took the estimate of the coloured people at its full face value and strutted the earth as if they alone mattered.

In 1904 a new chapter of human history was begun when little Japan defeated the great giant white power of the North of Asia, Russia. The reverberations of that defeat went far beyond Japan, gave Japan a new courage, a new sense of its own worthwhileness, made it feel that it, too, had a right to a place among the great peoples of the earth. Those reverberations went not only back into China, through India, into Turkey, but down into far off Africa, and never again will the coloured peoples of the World be content to take second place to the rich and dominant white. For centuries we looked upon our coloured fellow citizens of the World as peoples to be exploited, and of secondary significance in the great scheme of things. I want to tell you, Brethren, that we are in for a rude awakening. When we came upon the scene of this North American continent it was inhabited by coloured races. We said, "We have a right to exploit the great wealth of this new land, because the consideration which must weigh in the last analysis is the greatest good to the greatest number." So we swept the coloured men into a little corner and hemmed them in upon limited reserves and kept the land upon which they were settled. Are we willing that that same rule shall be applied to the next stage in human development when the teeming millions of Asia and of Africa are pressing out for a chance to live and for a larger field of activity? Are we willing to let that rule, which we applied in our dealings with the weaker races, apply in the next great chapter of human history? If we are not, what reason are we going to give for it? We are praying and working for peace. If we are going to found a World order whose rule is peace we must found a World order founded upon justice and all men must be recognized as children of one family with

one great father God and with equal rights to the bounties of life which have so mercifully been given in such rich measures to all the earth. I want you to keep that in mind. We glory in the story of our great British traditions and we do right. Today, I believe, we hold the front rank among all the nations of the earth in the things which make for human liberty and for human well-being, but if we are going to hold that place we can no longer hold it by right of the mailed fist; we must hold it in the consciences of the races of the World. We must establish, or rather co-operate in the establishment of, a world order which shall give justice and fair play, not only to the men of British stock and to the white races, but to the men of all the nations of the earth.

Let me try to show you in a few brief minutes some of the titanic things which are occurring all around the world today. Wherever you go the same great longing for fuller life, for greater freedom, for finer outlook has caught hold of the hearts of men. Go to Turkey. Turkey has thrown off its position in the Mohammedan World, has departed from the old institutions imposed upon it by the Koran, has adopted our Western civilization with its Western science and its Western type of education. Egypt is steeped in unrest, longing to be recognized, standing side by side with the other integral parts of our great British Commonwealth. Go into the region of the Arabs. There, after century on century you find the wandering tribes once again consolidated under one Arab king with new hopes for the destiny of the Arab race. We have been wont to read about the Arabs and dismiss them in a few words, but do you not remember that the three great dominant religions of the world were born of Arab stock? The Jewish religion came out of the Semitic people who were Arabs. The Christian religion came from the Jewish stock and the Mohammedan religion was born in the heart of Arabia. Those three great inspirations of the human family came out of little Arabia. Arabia is moving once again. Deep down in the heart of the race that old prophetic power is still stored and the better world order which is bound to come will owe much to the contribution of little Arabia.

Then, when you come to India, you find three million people, dark-skinned, it is true, but our own first cousins, because the great majority of the Indian people are of Aryan stock. One of the first great waves which peopled Northern Europe swept down into what is now India and established there a civilization which, with all its defects, has endured for many centuries. True, it took a dark outlook upon the possibilities of life and slowly stagnated, gradually drifting backward. Today, by the inspiration of British ideals those three millions of India are wide awake. They, too, are no longer satisfied with the old grinding poverty, with the dark traditions of superstition, with ignorance and with despair, but they are longing for a place in the sun and gradually the wise old Motherland is giving to her coloured children in India broader and broader control of Government and of education and of every phase of their life. Whatever comes from India in the realm of science, of practical politics, of every phase of life, may be worthy of consideration. But any man who thinks at all, any man who studies what is going on in the world, cannot doubt but that out of India is going to come the next great religious impetus to the human family. They are essentially devout, earnest, kindly minded people, and when three hundred millions of them are touched by the highest and noblest things, who can say what the future of that great country will bring forth? But the giant of the whole world today, the nation which we must all keep our eyes on, is China. One hundred years ago Napoleon Bonaparte said, "When China moves she will move the World," and whether you like it or not, your commercial,

industrial and spiritual future is vitally linked up with what happens in China in the next fifty years. Four hundred and thirty-five million people of the most patient, thrifty, kindly human beings that ever lived on the face of the globe. Some of the finest types of humanity ever known are these Chinese gentlemen. Last summer I had the very great privilege of attending a conference in the City of Honolulu, which was attended by representatives from China, from Japan, from Korea, from the Philippine Islands, from all the other nations touching upon the Pacific. The men who spoke the best English, the men who stood out in the very front ranks of the thinkers and leaders of that conference were native Chinese, speaking English without a flaw, understanding even our slang, and appreciating anything which was funny contributed by any of us at that conference. The Chinese are a people, strange in their thought of Government, strange in many of their outlooks upon life, but the Chinese people are destined to contribute two things to you and me. Coming home on the boat from Honolulu last summer, one of the leading educationalists of the United States said to a group of us, "I am persuaded that unless some great change occurs in the near future in the United States our civilization has begun to disintegrate. We glory in our standardized organization of industry, in our standardized educational systems, but we have standardized things to death and we are submerging the main values under an external and financial outlook on life. No man can look at what is going on on this continent at the present time and not fear for the future of our sons and daughters, and those who are to come after us, because of the breaking down of the institutions which have been so dear to us and to our fathers." But in contrast to that I wish to point out that for eight thousand years China has had a civilization. Thousands of years ago there were carved in the marbles which are now found buried in the Gobi Desert in the North-east of China, statuary and works of art which compare favorably with the finest products of ancient Greece. Many of the things which we think we have discovered were discovered thousands of years ago by the Chinese and for eight thousand years that civilization of China's has managed to persist. They have been conquered again and again but they have turned around and swallowed up their conquerors. The Mongolians conquered them. Today there is not enough Mongolians left to people the State of Mongolia. The Manchurians conquered them and ruled for two hundred and fifty years, and one of the great problems confronting the world today is the fact that there are not enough Manchurians left to populate the great Province of Manchuria, for which Russia and Japan and all the great powers of the world are racing at the present moment. The secret of it all is this. China never had the idea of a strong centralized Government. All her national institutions are based upon the idea of the family. The Emperor was just the father of the household; the Mandarin at the head of the Province was the head of that household. The old patriarch of the clan, although he might have sons and grandsons married with homes of their own, yet he remained the head of the group. The family relationship; the kindly feelings which should govern a little family circle has been at the basis of the whole of the national life in China. So you have this strange phenomenon, a country with a population of four hundred and fifty million people, so helpless that I heard a British General say that if he had one good regiment of British soldiers he could march straight across China and meet with no real vital resistance. Yet we see every nation of the world trembling in its boots before China today. Why? Because China has discovered a far more potent weapon than warfare, the weapon of boycott. The race feeling is so strong; the family sentiment is so great that if the word is sent among its teeming millions that any people is exploiting China its effect is magical and effective. The Chinese were persuaded

by Bolshevik propaganda that Great Britain was their leading Western foe. Great Britain was the leading importer into China, in hundreds of millions of pounds value annually. Yet, see what happened! In two short years Great Britain fell into third place and lost hundreds of millions of pounds in its trade. Thousands of British houses went bankrupt because of the pressure of the boycott. Japan today would appropriate portions of China if she only dared, but she dare not do it because Japan cannot live without the friendly co-operation of China, without access to her raw materials and without access to her markets for manufactured goods. And so today China stands ready to receive the friendly approach of the West, ready to be helped on the great forward march which she has begun, ready to reorganize and take the best we have to give her, and ready to give us in return two things, first of all, an appreciation of the values of the meditative life. What are the things which we sorely need in this restless dissatisfied age of ours? Is not one of them a sense of the value of contemplation? We are afraid to be left alone. We are afraid of our own company. The Chinaman rejoices in the company of the great thoughts, of the unseen forces which are about him, and in that meditative inner life with which God has endowed every one of his children. In that is a great lesson which he can teach these dissatisfied, pushing peoples of the West, and without that lesson the West is doomed to perish.

The second thing which China can show us is the fine art of social intercourse. Any man who talks about the Chinese as Chinks and turns up his nose at them shows his own ignorance and his own unfitness for a place in the new world order. There is no more cultured gentleman in all the world than the high class Chinese gentleman. They have reduced etiquette to a fine art. I was speaking to a missionary the other day who told me that he has seen Chinese men quarrelling violently and in a way that would have led to blows in a very few minutes in the West, and yet they would carry on that quarrel and then go away without touching each other. On investigation he found this was the reason, that a Chinaman respects personality so greatly that he will often commit suicide if there happens to him what he calls "losing face." That is his name for dignity, the dignity of the person. That dignity is held so high that even under greatest provocation men will quarrel and yet will not strike each other. That is something which we need in our Western world. A new sense of the value of the individual, and a greater sense of the pleasures of social intercourse, which is based on a feeling of the dignity and the essential value of personality. Now, today the great educational leaders and the missionary leaders who are going to China are not going there feeling that they are going to a degraded barbaric people, but they say, "We recognize that God has given to the West certain great powers and achievements, but we also recognize that God has given to the East other great powers and achievements, and we are going to China now, not to dictate, not to talk to people far lower than ourselves in the human scale, but to co-operate with people whom we recognize as equal with ourselves in possibilities in the new great task of educating, taking the best from the East to the West, and co-operating with them in the establishment of a new rich civilization which shall not be East nor West but broadly human and deeply divine."

Then, across the Strait from China is what I think the most marvellous people on the whole face of the earth, not excepting our own, in the achievements which they have made in a short space of fifty-eight years. In 1870 Japan had her gates sealed to the world and had had them sealed for two hundred and fifty years. No foreigner was allowed in; no Japanese was allowed to go out, but in 1870 before the guns of Admiral Perry, of the United States Navy, the gates of Japan were

thrown open. Then the population of Japan was twenty million, living on little volcanic islands so poor that the average farm ranged from an acre and a half to seven acres and a half all over Japan. Many of those farms were made by taking a level bit of rock upon the slope of the hill and carrying debris in a basket from the shore and putting it there on the soil from which the farmer would get his sustenance. When Japan was forced out among the nations of the world, her leaders, with amazing foresight, saw that something must be done if Japan were to progress from her backward state. So they set themselves to study the civilizations of the rest of the world. Today, on these little islands, Japan has a population of seventy millions: she has her steamships on every sea: she has her commerce with all the nations of the earth: she has her great cities, her tremendous industries. She has as high a state of literacy as Canada has, with the two largest daily newspapers in the world, each with two million daily circulation. She has fifteen hundred daily newspapers with more than twenty-five hundred magazines and newspapers published every year. This year she took a greater step in the direction of democracy than was ever taken by any people in the history of the world. She had a voters' list of three million. She added to it ten million new voters and on that voters' list of thirteen million she carried on successfully a great election in which her policies were re-affirmed and she went on without disturbance with the great task that confronts her. Imagine all that. Imagine the genius of a people who can transfer from simple agricultural and fishing pursuits to one of the most highly industrialised peoples in the world, transfer from a rural community to a highly urbanized community, with all the attendant confusions resulting therefrom,—I say, imagine a people having gone through that tremendous change and still maintaining her place among the great peoples of the earth. Where can you find in human history anything parallel with it? Japan is the Great Britain of Asia. She has the right to try and find an outlet for her tremendous energy and for the wonderful genius of her people. Everywhere in Asia you see the same thing. Teeming millions of yellow men determined no longer to be the mere exploited servants of the white races, but to have their share in the building up of a new world order.

But not only in the East is change taking place. One of the leaders of the British delegation at Honolulu was Lionel Curtis, known to many of you as the founder of the Round Table movement, one of the most eminent of modern British public men. He said this: "When I was a boy I was brought up in a small country town in England. I knew everybody within a radius of six miles of that community and everybody knew me. I was brought under subjection to the ordinary traditions and ideals of that small community. The community church was the centre of the life of the place and the moral ideals of the community held very strongly each individual dwelling there, but," he added "since I was a boy what has happened? The automobile, increased railway facilities, daily newspapers, the telegraph, the telephone, the radio, has increased the radius of life of every boy living in that community, hundreds, yes, thousands of miles, and instead of being controlled by the ideals of a small community the ideals of the whole world have been brought to play upon every individual in that little country place. No longer are the old institutions holding their place. No longer does the village community have the ideals that it once had and control its movements by those ideals." We are all in a state of flux. The whole world is fitting hither and thither. What happens in Asia today is recorded in our newspapers tomorrow morning, playing upon our consciousness of the tremendous unrest and ferment of the whole wide world. We are marching toward a new world, not only in Asia and Africa and the dark parts of the world, but in Great Britain and

the continent of Europe, in Canada and the United States. Humanity is on the march. Where is it going? What is going to be the result of this progressive age? This age which is more dynamic, more full of potentialities for good or for evil than the world has even known.

You as Masons have something to say as to what is to happen. It is our part first of all to be a medium of better understanding among men because the great watchword upon which our brotherhood is founded is the watchword of fraternity. We have learned to understand and appreciate each other as we went through the ritual of our ancient Order. We have felt the pulse of the lives of the men who founded this Order, centuries ago in that great feeling of fraternity with the men with whom we have sat in lodge and that higher fraternity of the men who have passed on to the lodge above. We have felt the spell of that fraternity upon ourselves. If the world is to be saved from bloody warfare and frightful confusion it can only be saved by its contact with that great word, "fraternity." We must no longer judge a man by the colour of his skin, by the language he speaks, but by the character he has developed; by what is within him; by his recognition of the Great Architect of the Universe, his Father as well as ours. We have this problem here in Canada on a small scale; a great problem of understanding; a great problem of approaching the strangers within our gates, and trying to penetrate the barrier of language.

When I was here before I gave two or three illustrations of funny conditions which occurred in trying to translate from one language to another and those of you who heard me give these will not mind if I repeat some of them. On the boat going down, there was a professor from a college in the United States who told us that he was trying to teach his class the meaning of the expression, "Papal bull," and on his examination paper, asked that question. One of the boys was a city boy who did not know much about the bovine species, and he gave as his answer to the question "What is a 'Papal bull'?" this, "A Papal bull is a cow kept in the Vatican to give milk to the Pope's children." (Laughter.)

One of the missionaries in India tells this experience. He sometimes breaks into slang when he is talking to the Indian people. One day, in talking through an interpreter, he was telling about a wealthy woman in the United States whom he had asked to build a mission for him and he told them she was "tickled to death" to do it. The interpreter scratched his head for a while and then translated, "She died scratching herself to do it." (Laughter.)

One of the Japanese delegates told us he had read two signs the day before he came away from Tokio. One was a dressmaker's sign. It said: "Ladies may have fits upstairs." (Laughter.) And the other was a furrier's "We make coats out of your skin or ours." (Laughter.)

I read one in the paper today. The Chautauqua had come into some rural town in the United States and had drawn a very large crowd. An enterprising showman, hearing about this crowd, brought a hurdy gurdy halfway between the town and this Chautauqua. The next day one of the citizens met a countryman from that locality in town and asked him, "How do you like the Chautauqua?" He said, "Fine, I rode around on the darn thing five times." (Laughter.)

Even in our homeland we have some difficulty in understanding the niceties of our speech.

Just one more, I read the other day of a Chinese couple who had a little baby boy born just at the time that Lindbergh took his

great trip over the Atlantic and they wanted to recognize his feat. They thought Lindbergh would sound too English and so they named the baby, "One Long Hop." (Laughter.)

Now, those are all funny mistakes, but we spent two days on a mistake in phraseology which occurred between Japan and the United States. You remember when the regulations were being promulgated to exclude the Japanese from the United States. The American authorities were trying to find a way to do it with the least possible offence to the Japanese. As they were discussing it they got a letter from the Japanese Ambassador containing a phrase which in his thought was perfectly harmless and yet was the regular phrase used in making a threat of war. The Japanese authority used this word quite innocently, but in fact it was the most offensive expression he could possibly have used. The Americans retaliated with a most offensive act of exclusion, and even yet that rankles in the breast of the Japanese. The one hard part in our whole conference was the pain of the Japanese that they had been treated as they had by the American people.

I am glad to tell you, and to tell ourselves as Canadians, that the Japanese say they do not resent the measures taken by the Canadians to limit the number of Japanese coming in here, so long as we recognize them on an equal footing as being one of the great peoples of the earth. So long as we do that they are willing to make any kind of agreement limiting the number of Japanese who will come to us.

Now, one thing I want to plead for here is that you extend as Masons the great Masonic brotherly spirit to the coloured peoples; that you try, as you read the newspapers and come into contact with them, to think of them as fellow men with the same type of aspirations, with the same pride of traditions and achievements, with the same high hopes for better things yet to be, so that in mutual understanding we and they may work together for something better than either one of us can give to the world alone.

And then the second thing which I think Masons should learn from this tremendous world situation is the contribution which we ought to make towards stabilizing the fluid conditions of society today. One of the things which must have impressed us all in our ancient Order is the sense of antiquity, of stability and beauty, it conveys. The men who founded it long ago knew what they were about for there is no real progress which makes a break with the past. Anything which is really new and great is the outgrowth of what is good and fine in the past and the training which we have in ordinary procedure, in the beauty of ritual, in the great thoughts which have come down to us from the past, makes every Masonic lodge a stabilizing influence in the community where it is found. I have pretty wide opportunities of studying conditions, especially in Manitoba and other parts of this continent, and I want to say this, not because I happen to be a Mason myself, but one of the things which Masonry has meant to the community in which it has been founded is that great sense of stability and steadiness, that fine reverence for anything which is good and fine in the past. We are moving so rapidly in these days that we like to think that only the new can be good. Let us remember that we are debtors to all the ages, and that we only capture what is great and good in this new age as we make our own, what is the finest and best in the past.

Now, I would like to suggest to you, what I suggested to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba last year. I think one of the great tasks for citizenship facing the Masonic Order in the West today is the establishment of Masonic lodges among the new peoples who are coming to

us. They have come, hoping to be fellow citizens with us, and if they are going to enter into all that is fine and good in our citizenship, I know of no better training school than a Masonic lodge. One of the big problems of the future is not with these new peoples. It is with us, the Anglo-Saxon stock. Any one who comes here to this great country of ours and who is not received into our great Brotherhood of Canadian citizenship becomes at once a centre of discontent, of danger for the days which are to be. But every one, no matter to what race he belongs, who is received into this great fellowship, into such a fellowship as is ours, becomes by that very act one with ourselves. We learn from him. He learns from us. And we will have, out of this mixture of races, I am fully persuaded, a far higher and finer race than we could have had, even if we could have peopled these vast stretches of ours by citizens from the British Islands alone.

And then, the third thing I want to say, and with that I am done. The great thing which is needed today is not more organization, not more plans like the plan of the League of Nations—good as they are—not wiser statesmanship alone, but a new emphasis upon the thing upon which our great Order is founded. No man can be a good Mason who has not a vital faith in the Great Architect of the Universe, and the man who has that faith, he looks out upon the world with all its potentialities for good or ill and recognizes that it is His spirit that is stirring upon the hearts of men today, moving them to realize their high destiny in Him, moving them to the establishment of a civilization more worthy of His children, more worthy of the great treasures which He has given us in spirit and in life. You and I, brethren, have a tremendous responsibility as members of this great Order to emphasize the foundation upon which it rests in every community where our lots are cast.

I was impressed as never before at that great conference with the strategic place occupied by Canada in the future of the world. Nowhere in the civilized world is there a country with a climate which makes for courageous and sturdy men and women where there are so many capital resources yet unexploited under the control of one people. The eyes of all the crowded East are turned longingly upon this Golden West of ours and . . . it is ours to so use the great gifts which we have here, to so treasure the great things in our institutions, to so build up the civilization founded by our fathers, that we shall stand here midway between war-cursed Europe and the re-awakening East, giving them an illustration of the glories of our Anglo-Saxon civilization and reaching out to help them into the great brotherhood of man toward which we are all tending under the guidance of our great Father God. Brethren, I thank you. (Prolonged applause.)

Second Day - - Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

The Report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges having been duly considered, it was resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. S. L. McCracken (9), seconded by V.W. Bro. W. E. Mercer (1), "That in the case of Standard Lodge, U.D., at Standard, that a charter be granted in view of the fact that the lodge was only one week short of the specified time under dispensation."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), seconded by R.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), "That the Report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges as amended, be received and adopted."

LODGE HALLS

M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis for the Committee on Lodge Halls, reported that three plans had been prepared suitable for small, medium or large lodges, and now presented these for approval by Grand Lodge.

The M.W. the Grand Master appointed R.W. Bro. J. Gillespie (1), Chairman, V.W. Bro. J. Martland (63), R.W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), R.W. Bro. H. M. Whiddington (4), and V.W. Bro. D. D. Penman (91), a committee to bring in a further report after the examination of the plans already submitted, which committee subsequently reported as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

This committee have examined the plans and recommend:

That the plans as submitted be approved with the exception that where a fire escape is shown, that a door be made instead of a window as exit.

That the Questionnaire as prepared, form part of the plans to enable lodges to make proper financial arrangements.

That these plans are to be considered as suggestive and for the guidance only of lodges proposing to build.

This committee wishes to express the thanks of Grand Lodge to W. Bro. McIlroy for presenting these plans and recommends that a supply of blue prints be obtained for the use of the lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

J. GILLESPIE,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Gillespie (1), "That the Report of the Committee on Plans for Lodge Halls, be adopted."

MOTIONS

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by V.W. Bro. W. R. Davis (23):

"That a lodge of Master Masons be chartered to be known as 'Temple Administration Lodge', similar in constitution to the Grand Steward's Lodge in the Grand Lodge of England and domiciled in the City of Calgary, and whose duty shall be to hold in trust and administer the properties of two or more Masonic lodges domiciled in the said City of Calgary, such trust to be assumed only at the request of the owning lodges and to be confined to the administration of properties used exclusively for Masonic purposes.

"The said lodge to consist of a Worshipful Master and Secretary (who may be selected from its own members or from among brethren who are subscribing members of a lodge domiciled within the City of Calgary and otherwise qualified to hold the offices) and the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Immediate Past Masters of lodges whose property it holds and administers.

"The 'Temple Administration Lodge' being formed as a lodge of Master Masons shall have no power to enter, pass, or raise Masons, but shall possess all the other privileges and exercise all the other duties which inhere in a lodge of Masons."

This motion was declared out of order by the Grand Master.

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by R.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), and seconded by M.W. Bro. T. F. English (23):

"That Section 265 of the Constitution be deleted."

After discussion, it was resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. D. B. Robertson (134), seconded by R.W. Bro. G. W. Kerby (83), "That the question re section 265 of the Constitution be laid on the table until the next Annual Communication."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by R.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, (83), and seconded by W. Bro. D. G. L. Cunningham (83):

"That Section 251 of the Constitution be deleted."

It was resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. Bowes (83), seconded by W. Bro. D. G. L. Cunningham (83), "That the question re section 251 of the Constitution be laid on the table until the next Annual Communication."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by M.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), and seconded by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28):

"That the sum of \$4,000.00 be donated to the Woods' Christian Home for Children, to be applied on the capital debt of that institution, from the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund."

The motion was put to the meeting and declared "lost."

The following motion was moved by W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone (4), seconded by W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps (67), "That the following be made part of the Questionnaire in connection with applications for initiation: Do you promise that you will not within twelve months

after receiving the degree of Master Mason, and not until you will have attended five meetings of a Masonic lodge, petition for or receive any degree, or be initiated in any body, order, or organization wherein the prerequisite of membership is that the applicant be a Master Mason?"

The motion was put to the meeting and declared "lost."

The following motion was moved by M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Gillespie (1), "That the quorum required to conduct business on the Benevolence Committee, be reduced to three."

On discussion, it was moved by W. Bro. D. G. L. Cunningham (83), seconded by W. Bro. D. B. Robertson (134), "That the number of the Benevolence Committee members be increased to eleven and the quorum remain as at present."

The amendment was declared "lost" and the original motion was "carried."

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), "That whereas M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, now Honorary Past Grand Master, was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1903-4, and whereas the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at that time, covered all the territory now under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, that M.W. Bro. Braithwaite be declared to be a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta with all the rights and privileges of that rank."

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That this Grand Lodge extend a very hearty vote of thanks to Bro. John MacKay, D.D., Principal of Manitoba College, for his attendance at this session of Grand Lodge and for his inspiring address delivered at our banquet."

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Gillespie (1), "That the splendid address of Bro. J. MacKay, D.D., Principal of Manitoba College, delivered at the banquet, be printed in the proceedings and also in pamphlet form for distribution among the members of the lodges."

Resolved on motion of W. Bro. J. V. Follet (28), seconded by V.W. Bro. W. E. Mercer (1), "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the management of the Palliser Hotel for the use of the Ball Room for our Twenty-third Annual Communication."

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), "That the hearty appreciation of this Grand Lodge be extended to the brethren of Calgary and in particular to the committee in charge for the excellent arrangements made for the entertainment of the visiting delegates."

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23), seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), "That Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the entertainment of Grand Lodge for the 1929 session to be held in Lethbridge."

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), "That a message of sympathy be wired

to M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4), who is seriously ill, and that flowers be sent from this Grand Lodge."

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. G. T. MacGregor (110), "That the usual fee and expenses be paid the Grand Tyler."

NOTICES OF MOTION

R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), gave notice that, at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, he would move or cause to be moved:

"That Section 100 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the last word 'only' and adding thereto 'or the municipality bonds of cities of Canada which have a population in excess of 50,000, and provided that not more than one-third the total funds may be invested in such municipality bonds'."

W. Bro. J. H. Ross (87), gave notice that, at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, he would move or cause to be moved:

"That Section 133 of the Constitution be amended by striking out '\$1.50' in the third line thereof and substituting '\$1.00' therefor, and striking out in the fourth and fifth lines thereof the words 'one third' and substituting therefore in the fourth line only the words 'one half'."

R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, he would move or cause to be moved that the Constitution be amended to provide:

"That the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters properly incurred be paid by Grand Lodge."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Second Day - - Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Calgary, June 14, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on Jurisprudence have held several meetings during the past three days, having special matters under consideration, and beg to report as follows:

In the matter of the change of name of Warner Lodge, No. 100, the committee recommend that the request be granted and that the lodge be denominated "Verdigris Lodge, No. 100," and upon the payment of the usual fee a new charter be issued.

In the matter of the suspension of the charter of Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92, your committee have given serious consideration to the evidence submitted and suggest that the Grand Master appoint a special committee to further investigate this matter and report to the Grand Master for action by him.

In the matter of the request for a charter by Standard Lodge, U.D., while the committee do not deem it wise to depart from the regulations of Grand Lodge, under the circumstances this committee recommends that the charter be granted.

With regard to the transfer of membership and the rules governing this matter, your committee recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a sub-committee of this committee to consider the clause of the Constitution involving the matter of affiliations by way of transfer of membership and the other clauses of the Constitution affected by the working out of these proceedings, and to frame amendments to the Constitution giving effect to these changes and to give notice of motion of the same for the next communication of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

T. F. ENGLISH,

Chairman.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), "That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

It was moved in amendment by R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77), seconded by V.W. Bro. M. C. Wright (142), "That the matter of Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92, be referred back to the Jurisprudence Committee for further consideration."

On the amendment being put to the meeting, it was declared "lost," and the original motion "carried."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Calgary, June 13, 1928.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education came into existence as a standing committee of the Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge in June, 1924. The Committee presented its first annual report to the meeting of Grand Lodge in June, 1925, recommending:

- (a) That the establishment, maintenance and augmentation of Masonic Libraries by subordinate lodges be promoted and encouraged.
- (b) That the Grand Lodge Circulating Library be enlarged.
- (c) That adequate additions be made to the Grand Lodge reference library from time to time as required.
- (d) The establishment of Study Groups wherever practicable.
- (e) The establishment of Lecture Courses by qualified and experienced Craftsmen.
- (f) That the work of compiling a History of Masonry in Alberta be undertaken.

In 1926 meeting of the Grand Lodge your Committee re-affirmed this program and reported the progress which had been made toward the development and establishment of these various phases of Masonic Research and Education. In the report presented at the Grand Lodge meeting in June, 1927, the Chairman of the Committee, the late M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, dealt with the following subjects:

- (a) Lodge Libraries.
- (b) Circulating Libraries.
- (c) Grand Lodge Reference Library.
- (d) Study Groups.
- (e) Masonic addresses.
- (f) Grand Lodge History.

This report emphasized the value of the work done in respect of these various matters both in the subordinate lodges and in the meetings held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee desires to re-affirm its belief that the policies of encouragement of Lodge Libraries, extension of use of the Grand Lodge Circulating Libraries and the building up of a Grand Lodge Reference Library should be continued and pressed forward to still further achievements and that every encouragement should be given to the organization and operation of study groups where the numbers of the Craft interested are sufficient to maintain this form of Masonic Research.

Your committee recommends the continuance of the arrangements regarding the delivery of addresses by brethren upon request of any lodge or lodges in the jurisdiction upon the terms and conditions heretofore recognized. The following are the names of the brethren who

have signified their willingness to respond to invitations from the lodges and the subject or subjects dealt with by the various speakers:

Bro. H. B. Adshead	R.W. Bro. H. V. Macaulay
V.W. Bro. Geo. F. Beart	V.W. Bro. John Martland
M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers	R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton
R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey	R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell
Bro. James Dorrian	Bro. Gerald V. Pelton
W. Bro. J. V. Follett	M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood
R.W. Bro. John Gilmore	R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe.
W. Bro. C. C. Hartman	R.W. Bro. F. H. Sutherland

It is hoped that new members of this corps of speakers may be enrolled each year and your committee hereby invites every brother willing to take a part in this work to communicate with the Grand Secretary or the Chairman of this Committee in regard to the subject or subjects upon which he is prepared to speak.

With reference to the character of the subject matter of addresses to be delivered in the manner outlined it is the opinion of this committee that any subject of general importance from an economic, scientific, civic or patriotic nature, provided controversial matters are avoided are quite proper subjects of addresses to be delivered within the body of a Masonic Lodge in this jurisdiction. The aim of this committee is education and while we as Masons wish to stress a knowledge of our Masonic institution, its history, development, symbolism and jurisprudence, yet we believe that any subject of general importance and educational value may quite properly be dealt with in the body of a lodge. We are supported in this opinion by the practice and experience of many other Grand Jurisdictions who have developed a highly organized system of instruction and education along both purely Masonic and generally informative and educational lines.

Your committee recommends that the subordinate lodges be required to report in their semi-annual returns to Grand Lodge the particulars concerning addresses which have been delivered in the lodge during the period covered by the report giving the name of the speaker and his subject. In this way the committee feels that this branch of our work may be encouraged and extended through the new contacts which will be opened up to your committee through these returns.

Your committee further recommends that the Masonic Text books at present on hand in the office of the Grand Secretary and which have been slightly damaged by water in the recent fire but which are not damaged seriously so far as their readability is concerned be offered to the members of Grand Lodge and the Craft at a price not exceeding one half the regular cost according to the condition of the book, the price to be fixed by the Grand Secretary. We also recommend that the very considerable number of slightly damaged copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be offered without charge to those applying to the Grand Secretary in writing by way of requisition, these applications to be dealt with in the order in which they are received by the Grand Secretary until the supply is exhausted.

Your committee regrets exceedingly the loss of the services of our late Grand Secretary in connection with this work and regrets that no recommendations from him are available in the office of the Grand Secretary since the last Annual Report. Your committee has held

four meetings in anticipation of our Annual Communication, one on May the 9th, one on May the 22nd and two on June 12th. At these meetings it has been felt that the greatest problem confronting us at this time is the completion, if possible before the close of the twenty-fifth year of our existence as a Grand Lodge, a complete history of the beginnings of Masonry of this jurisdiction and its development from the earliest days down to the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the formation of our Grand Lodge. We believe much work has been done along this line in many of the older lodges and that a large amount of original data and historical material may be gathered by an energetic campaign by this committee and brethren who will be called in to assist the work of the committee in various parts of the Province. The plan suggested for the first year's operations is as follows:

The group of lodges comprising those in existence at the time of the formation of our lodge has been divided into five divisions for the purpose of localizing the work. M.W. Brother Judge Taylor has been requested to take over the work of investigating the early history of lodges numbered 7, 11, 13 and 14, also the lodge under warrant which is now non-existent.

M.W. Brother Norman E. Carruthers has been requested to take over this work concerning lodges numbered 10, 15 and 18.

M.W. Brother W. J. Botterill has been requested to act similarly regarding lodges numbered 8, 12 and 16.

M.W. Brother J. H. W. S. Kemmis is similarly to take charge of lodges numbered 2, 3, 4 and 6 and the matter of the lodges numbered 1, 5, 9 and 17 will be provided for shortly.

It is also proposed that a review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba from the year 1880 down to the formation of our Grand Lodge as well as a review of the Annual Proceedings of our own Grand Lodge from its inception down to its twenty-fifth anniversary be undertaken with a view to collecting therefrom all information of historical value. Also that in connection with this history there shall be published a well prepared index of our own proceedings. A further suggestion is that the complete files of the newspapers published in Alberta during the early years be examined by several brethren in the library of the parliament buildings at Edmonton for any references therein of Masonic importance. It is suggested that the Grand Master appoint a sub-committee of this standing committee to which may be added as associate members, other brethren who are not members of the Board of General Purposes who may be able and willing to render effective and helpful service in some branches of this work and we recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint such a sub-committee with associate members and that the personnel of this sub-committee shall be considered as permanent until this work has been accomplished.

It is also planned that the committee hold regular monthly meetings at the office of the Grand Secretary for the purpose of directing the efforts of the various brethren engaged in this work and receiving monthly reports from them; receiving and caring for original documents loaned for the purposes of taking copies, photographs and other reproductions thereof for the purposes of this work and conducting the correspondence necessarily involved in this work. It is thought that the coming year will require to be devoted to this matter of searching out and collecting data and material for our history and your committee recommend that an appropriation of one thousand dollars be

considered as made on the adoption of this report for the purpose of covering the cost and expenses incurred by brethren engaged in this work while away from their homes and other expenses necessary in the accumulation and introduction of historical material.

It is recommended that the committee arrange for a review of our own proceedings at the time of publication and this review be distributed to the lodges with a letter from the Grand Master suggesting the presentation of the contents of this review to the lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

PLACE OF MEETING

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), seconded by R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the invitation of the brethren of Lethbridge that the next Annual Communication be held in their city, be accepted."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the M.W. the Grand Master appointed M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, W. Bro. J. V. Follett, W. Bro. W. C. Black, W. Bro. E. S. Tharp, V. W. Bro. W. R. Davis, W. Bro. J. Quinney, R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands, W. Bro. S. Fraser, W. Bro. Hays, W. Bro. Halberton and W. Bro. J. H. Pavie, a Board of Scrutineers.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 385 members present at this Communication, carrying a total voting strength of 586, consisting of 215 W.M.'s, 37 S.W.'s, 42 J.W.'s, 214 Past Masters and 78 Proxies.

One hundred and twenty-six Chartered Lodges and six Lodges U.D. are represented.

Twenty-one Chartered Lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

Fraternally submitted,

SAM J. BLAIR,
Chairman.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1.	Bow River	1	1	1	6	..	9
2.	Medicine Hat	3	..	..	1	..	4
3.	Alberta	..	..	..	3	3	6
4.	North Star	2	..	1	7	..	10
5.	Cascade	..	..	..	3	..	3
6.	Spitzie	3	..	..	2	..	5
7.	Edmonton	3	..	..	3	..	6
8.	Innisfail	3	..	..	2	..	5
9.	Perfection	2	..	1	8	..	11
10.	Eureka	3	..	..	3	..	6
11.	Acacia	..	..	..	3	3	6
12.	Red Deer	..	..	..	2	3	5
13.	Victoria	3	..	..	3	..	6
14.	Jasper	3	..	..	2	..	5
15.	Wetaskiwin	3	..	..	1	..	4
16.	Mountain View	3	..	..	2	..	5
17.	Nanton	3	..	..	..	..	3
18.	Britannia	1	1	1	4	..	7
19.	Cornerstone	3	..	..	3	..	6
20.	Carstairs	2	..	1	4	..	7
21.	King Hiram	3	..	..	3	..	6
22.	Corinthian	3	..	..	3	..	6
23.	Calgary	2	1	..	9	..	12
24.	Vermilion	3	..	..	..	..	3
25.	St. John's	..	..	..	2	3	5
26.	Sentinel	3	..	..	2	..	5
27.	Apollo	3	..	..	2	..	5
28.	Ashlar	2	1	..	4	..	7
29.	Kenilworth	3	..	..	2	..	5
30.	Summit	3	..	..	2	..	5
31.	Doric	2	1	..	..	..	3
32.	Cairo	2	..	1	..	..	3
33.	Stavely	..	..	3	2	..	5
34.	Star of the West	..	..	..	1	3	4
35.	Mizpah	3	..	..	2	..	5
36.	Gleichen	..	..	..	2	3	5
37.	Camrose	2	..	1	..	..	3
38.	Hope	..	..	..	1	3	4
39.	Lethbridge	3	..	..	2	..	5
40.	Joppa	3	..	..	2	..	5
41.	King Solomon	3	..	..	3	..	6
42.	Bowden	..	..	3	..	..	3
43.	Tuscan	..	..	..	..	..	..
44.	Buffalo Park	..	..	..	3	..	3
45.	Ionic	3	..	..	4	..	7
46.	Palestine	..	..	3	..	..	3
47.	Chinook	2	1	..	4	..	7
48.	Crossfield	2	1	..	..	..	3
49.	Robert Burns	..	..	..	1	3	4
50.	Comet	3	..	..	..	..	3
51.	Unity	3	..	..	2	..	5
53.	Strathmore	2	1	..	1	..	4
54.	Mount Lebanon	3	..	..	4	..	7
55.	Bassano	3	..	..	..	..	3
56.	Beaver	2	1	..	..	..	3
57.	Grassy Lake	..	..	..	..	..	..
58.	Chief Mountain	..	3	..	..	..	3
59.	King George	1	1	1	8	..	11

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
60.	Acme.....	3			4		7
61.	Provost.....				1		1
62.	Coal.....	2	1				3
63.	Empire.....				3	3	6
64.	Bow Island.....			3	1		4
65.	Diamond City.....				2	3	5
66.	St. Andrew's.....	2		1	3		6
67.	Charity.....	3					3
68.	Edson.....	3			1		4
69.	Connaught.....			3			3
70.	Quarry.....	1	1	1			3
71.	Tawatinaw.....						
72.	Coronation.....	3			1		4
73.	Brooks.....				1	3	4
74.	Vulcan.....	3					3
75.	Harmony.....				1	3	4
76.	Fidelity.....	2		1	4		7
77.	Strathcona.....	3			2		5
78.	Hanna.....		3				3
79.	Morning Star.....	3			2		5
80.	Excelsior.....	3			1		4
81.	Commercial.....	3					3
82.	Acadia.....	1	1	1	1		4
83.	Zetland.....	2		1	11		14
84.	Champion.....						
85.	Suffield.....						
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	3			1		4
87.	Crescent.....	1	1	1	3		6
88.	Wahpun.....				1	3	4
89.	Peace River.....						
90.	Norwood.....	3					3
91.	Patricia.....	3			3		6
93.	Symbol.....				1	3	4
94.	Lamont.....				2	3	5
95.	Kitchener.....				2	3	5
96.	Dynamic.....				1		1
97.	Albion.....						
98.	Hand Hill.....	2		1	2		5
99.	Mount Moriah.....						
100.	Warner.....		3				3
101.	West Edmonton.....	3			1		4
102.	Edgerton.....						
103.	Foremost.....						
104.	Oyen.....	3					3
105.	Grande Prairie.....				1	3	4
106.	Lake Saskatoon.....				1	3	4
107.	Carbon.....		2	1	4		7
108.	Pyramid.....						
109.	Ancient Landmark.....	3					3
110.	Kilwinning.....				1	3	4
111.	Nobleford.....				1	3	4
112.	Victory.....					3	3
113.	Cyprus.....						
114.	Westlock.....	3			2		5
115.	Crocus.....	3					3
116.	Spirit River.....						
117.	Dominion.....				1	3	4
118.	St. Mark's.....	3			1		4

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
119.	York.....	1	1	1	2	..	5
120.	Monitor.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
121.	Clive.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
122.	Rising Sun.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
123.	Rockyford.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
124.	Concord.....	2	1	..	5	..	8
125.	Cavell.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
126.	Pembina.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
127.	Granite.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
128.	Forestburg.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
129.	Meridian.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
130.	Hussar.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
131.	Kitscoty.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
132.	Craigmyle.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
133.	Manyberries.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
134.	Renfrew.....	2	..	1	4	..	7
135.	Alliance.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
136.	Cresset.....	..	..	3	..	..	3
137.	Irricana.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
138.	Onoway.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
139.	Melrose.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
140.	Big Valley.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
141.	Efficiency.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
142.	Ivanhoe.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
143.	Jasper Park.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
144.	Gratton.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
145.	St. Alban's.....	1	..	..	1	..	1
146.	Drumheller.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
147.	Northland.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
148.	Mayerthrope.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
U.D.	Rosebud.....	2	..	1	..	..	3
U.D.	Donalda.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
U.D.	Whitecourt.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
U.D.	Lochearn.....	1	1	1	..	..	3
U.D.	Standard.....	1	1	1	1	..	4
U.D.	Sharon.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
		215	37	42	214	78	586

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88), "That the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

The election of Grand Lodge Officers was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who had been elected at their District Meetings and at this communication of the Grand Lodge, and whose election was confirmed by the M.W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1928

M.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell (77).....Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton (58).....Deputy Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden (91).....Senior Grand Warden
 R.W. Bro. George W. Kerby (83).....Junior Grand Warden

R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23)	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. William H. Chappell (86)	Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps (67)	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. P. Fielding (38)	Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bro. Andrew Davison (59)	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Clifford C. Elliott (73)	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William J. Craigen (34)	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R.W. Bro. James Andrew McGhee (21)	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Albert W. Fiske (61)	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Fred S. Ditto (33)	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R.W. Bro. James H. Westbrook (119)	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R.W. Bro. James W. Moreash (3)	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William James Good (140)	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Harold H. Hacker (25)	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William Cawdron (111)	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R.W. Bro. James Hobbs (101)	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Griffith A. James (105)	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William S. Cameron (93)	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Wilham H. Grainger (60)	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for the term of two years:

R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35)	Medicine Hat
R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
V.W. Bro. George F. Beart (63)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77)	Edmonton

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected for the term of two years:

M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
R.W. Bro. W. Ireland (9)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59)	Calgary

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:

V.W. Bro. David Helman (51), Edmonton	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Alfred E. Ardiel (22) Okotoks	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Percy Frank Smith (37), Camrose	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. George Ellis (124), Calgary	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Percival E. Finch (69), Viking	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. A. Maurice Cooke (30), Coleman	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Robert H. Anderson (31), Taber	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Wm. A. Pryor (20), Carstairs	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. John Rutherford (70), Redcliff	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Harry Ford (76), Bashaw	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Bertram E. Canniff (134), Calgary	Grand Pursuivant

The newly elected officers present were duly installed and the appointed officers invested by M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers, Past Grand Master.

PRESENTATION

M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, Immediate Past Grand Master, with a complete set of Past Grand Master's regalia. M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank expressed in fitting terms his appreciation of the appropriate gift just received.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twenty-third Annual Communication was closed in ample form at 7:30 o'clock p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



J. H. W. I. Kemmis,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1928

M.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell (77)	Grand Master
P.O. Box 592, Edmonton	
R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton (58) Cardston	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Andrew Davison (59)	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
809 4th St. N.E., Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Clifford Chas. Elliott (73) Brooks	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William J. Craigen (34) Leduc	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R.W. Bro. James Andrew McGhee (21) Didsbury	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Albert W. Fiske (61) Provost	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Fred S. Ditto (33) Stavely	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R.W. Bro. James H. Westbrook (119) Lethbridge	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R.W. Bro. James W. Moreash (3) Macleod	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William James Good (140) Big Valley	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Harold H. Hacker (25) Vegreville	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William Cawdron (111) Nobleford	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R.W. Bro. James Hobbs (101), 12733 121st St., Edmonton	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Griffith A. James (105) Grande Prairie	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William S. Cameron (93) Drumheller	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William H. Grainger (60) Grainger	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden (91)	Senior Grand Warden
315 Empire Block, Edmonton.	
R. W. Bro. George W. Kerby (83)	Junior Grand Warden
1125-7th Avenue W., Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23)	Grand Treasurer
527 18th Ave. W., Calgary.	
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Grand Secretary
514 Leeson & Lincham Blk., Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. William H. Chappell (86) Blairmore	Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps (67) Lethbridge	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. David Helman (51)	Senior Grand Deacon
10165 101st Street, Edmonton.	
V.W. Bro. Alfred E. Ardiel (22) Okotoks	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Percy Frank Smith (37) Camrose	Grand Organist
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616 23rd Ave. W., Calgary.	
V.W. Bro. Percival E. Finch (69) Viking	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. A. Maurice Cooke (30) Coleman	Grand Steward
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V.W. Bro. Harry Ford (76) Bashaw	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Bertram E. Canniff (134)	Grand Pursuivant
520 Rideau Road, Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. P. Fielding (38) Mulga	Grand Tyler

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President	R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton
Vice-President	R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden
Secretary	M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77) Grand Master	Edmonton
And the following Past Grand Masters:	
M.W. Bro. Geo. MacDonald (1)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1)	Belize, Honduras
M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4)	Lethbridge
M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3)	Macleod
M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18)	Lethbridge
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37)	London, Ont.
M.W. Bro. Frederick S. Selwood (28)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers (10)	Lacombe
M.W. Bro. T. F. English (23)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26)	Hillcrest
M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (—)	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (—)	Deloraine, Man.
R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton (58) Deputy Grand Master	Cardston
R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91) Senior Grand Warden	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83) Junior Grand Warden	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23) Grand Treasurer	Calgary
R.W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86) Grand Registrar	Blairmore

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE

R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88)	High Prairie
R.W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes (83)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. James R. Flan (1)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35)	Medicine Hat
R.W. Bro. George F. Beart (63)	Edmonton

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES**Sub-Committees:**

Jurisprudence—M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26) Convenor, and all other Past Grand Masters.

Grievances and Appeals—M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29) Convenor; M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18); M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77); R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83); R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35); R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77); R.W. Bro. H. H. Hacker (25); R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9).

Condition of Masonry—R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), Convenor; M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14); M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29); M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26); R.W. Bro. A. Davison (59); R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83).

Finance—M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9) Convenor; R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35); R.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83); M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14); R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77); M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28); R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83).

Foreign Relations and Correspondence—M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28) Convenor.

Masonic Research and Education—R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9) Convenor; M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14); M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7); M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28); R.W. Bro. Geo. F. Beart (63); R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91); R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83); R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23).

Charters and New Lodges—R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91) Convenor; M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9); R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (98); R.W. Bro. J. R. Flan (1); R.W. Bro. C. C. Elliott (73); R.W. Bro. W. S. Cameron (93); R.W. Bro. F. S. Ditto (33); R.W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86).

Credentials and Reception—M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9) Convenor; R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88); R.W. Bro. W. J. Craigen (34); R.W. Bro. A. W. Fiske (61); R.W. Bro. J. H. Westbrook (119); R.W. Bro. J. W. Moreash (3); R.W. Bro. W. J. Good (140); R.W. Bro. W. Cawdron (111); R.W. Bro. Jas. Hobbs (101); R.W. Bro. G. A. James (105); R.W. Bro. W. H. Grainger (60); R.W. Bro. J. A. McGhee (21).

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Grand Secretary.



STEPHEN YOUNG TAYLOR, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary 1917-1928

*The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M.
of the Province of Alberta
Canada*

In Memoriam

Stephen Young Taylor

District Deputy Grand Master of the Wilson District,
of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario),
1901-1902.

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
A.F. & A.M., 1915-1916.

Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Alberta,
A.F. & A.M., 1916-1917.

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
A.F. & A.M., 1917-1928.

***To all Free Masons in the Province of
Alberta, in the Dominion of Canada
and beyond our Borders:***

It is with deep sorrow we announce the death on Wednesday, the 28th day of March, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928, of our beloved Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Brother

Stephen Young Taylor

His passing adds another "Why" to the mysteries of life which surround us on every hand. His life was growing more and more useful in the service of our Craft and with each succeeding year his influence was making a deeper impression on the characters and lives of his brethren throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. His tact and kindness, his help in the solution of difficulties, his genuine interest in every brother with whom he came in contact had long since won for him the sincere affection of the brethren from the 49th parallel to the Far North.

We believe he realized the high regard and loving esteem in which he was so held and thereby spontaneously reciprocated by giving his very best to his beloved Fraternity.

A fine scholarship enable him to apply with telling emphasis the supremely spiritual values of our Masonic idealism. In consequence of his untiring zeal and efforts in the exposition of these ideals there was developed a high moral tone throughout the whole craft in this jurisdiction which will remain as a fitting and enduring monument to his memory. Looking back over his past ten years of service and influence and realizing what he has wrought, we are led to imagine, as best we may, what would have been the beneficent effects of another ten years of such enlightened teachings and inspiring influences.

Believing, with a conviction that was unshakeable, that Freemasonry was the handmaid of religion, his splendid addresses to the Craft ever challenged us to nobler living by insisting that life's paramount issues were: "The Glory of God and the good of Mankind."

Combined with the rare spiritual insight of an idealist was a practical quality of mind that was responsible for the creation of a definite policy by our Grand Lodge in the matter of benevolence when several years ago under his inspiration there was originated a benevolent fund for voluntary contributions from the craft and which through the following years was fostered in its growth by the untiring labors of our brother until the splendid sum of \$135,000.00 is now invested in government bonds as a permanent benevolent fund. This achievement of our Grand Lodge will stand as another monument to our beloved Grand Secretary.

Recognizing the value to the whole craft of personal contact with the Grand Master and his officers at least once every year, M.W. Bro. Taylor initiated the policy of Annual "District Meetings" in every district throughout the entire jurisdiction as a means through which this contact might be realized. The plan of these District meetings has become firmly rooted in the policy of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and is yearly achieving increasing success. The measure of this success may perhaps best be observed in the increased morale of the small lodges located at widely scattered and somewhat isolated points over our far flung prairies which constitute the vast territory of this jurisdiction.

Another aspect of M.W. Bro. Taylor's work lay in the field of endeavor open to him as custodian of the "Canadian Rite." He believed in a thoroughly efficient and yet sympathetic exemplification of the degrees in this Rite and in a uniformity of work among those lodges using this Rite in this jurisdiction. Furthermore he was a firm believer in the advantages of uniformity in regard to this Rite throughout those parts of Canada where the Canadian work was followed and he has had an influential part in moulding Masonic opinion throughout Canada along these lines.

The trestle board of the Master Architect will show no more designs upon it. He was smitten with the heavy setting maul of man's last enemy—Death, who smote the body but had no power over the spirit for he went "unafraid" into the presence of his Lord. How fitting for our beloved leader, the words he loved so well.

"Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.
For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

In the most impressive service ever given in Calgary, in the province of Alberta, in honor of a Mason, close upon a thousand brethren attended Saturday afternoon, March 31st, 1928, the funeral of our late M.W. Brother. So large was the number of Masons who came to pay their last tribute to their departed brother that it took more than twenty minutes for them to file singly by the coffin covered with regalia and symbols of office as it rested in the vestibule of the church.

Attired in their full regalia, the Masons completely filled the body of Knox United Church where the first part of the funeral service was held, and later when they marched four abreast in slow step to the cemetery, the procession extended the length of three city blocks.

The late M.W. Bro. Taylor died Wednesday from heart failure after attending the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, at Edmonton.

With bowed heads the people of the city and of the province paid tribute to his memory, and in the congregation were men of every rank to pay tribute and honor to their late brother and fellow citizen.

The altar of the church was a mass of color, being covered with a profusion of red and white flowers.

A male choir composed of members of the Calgary Masonic lodges sang at the opening of the service, "Lead Kindly Light." The organist played before the service, Beethoven's Funeral March and Chopin's Funeral March. A Masonic quartette also sang, "Remember Now Thy Creator."

While the long file was passing before the coffin at the close of the service the organist played The Dead March from "Saul." The pall bearers were Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. They were T. F. English, Calgary; N. E. Carruthers, Lacombe; H. P. Reid, Edmonton; F. S. Selwood, Calgary; J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Pincher Creek; J. W. Botterill, Red Deer. The present Grand Master, M.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank, of Hillcrest, was in attendance as the Chief Masonic mourner.

The interment took place at the Union cemetery according to the usual Masonic rites.

Personal

Stephen Young Taylor was born at Belgrave, in the Township of Wawanosh, in Huron County, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, on the fourth day of August, 1866. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native Township and in Clinton Collegiate Institute, following which he graduated from the Ontario Normal School at Toronto and entered the teaching profession as his chosen calling. He held several positions, including the principalship of the public schools in Brussels, Wroxeter and Paris, Ontario. In 1906 he retired from the teaching profession in Ontario and removed to Calgary, Alberta, in December of that year. In 1908 he became principal of the Alexandra Public School in Calgary and later went to the Mount Royal School where he continued as principal until June 30th, 1912. In 1913 and 1914 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Calgary School District No. 19 of the Province of Alberta and held the Chairmanship of this body in 1914. In September, 1915, he resumed his avocation of teaching and during the next two years taught in the Calgary Schools known as Central and Riverside, and continued in this work until his election to the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., in June, 1917, which office he held continuously until his death.

Thus, for the greater portion of thirty years, he exercised a wide influence on the youth of our country and many worthy tributes to his sterling qualities as a teacher and educationist have been paid by grateful parents both in Ontario and Alberta. During the intervals he took a keen interest in civic and community problems and was a steady advocate of progress in community affairs.

On September 13th, 1889, in the City of Toronto, he married Miss Alice J. Crooks, of near Brussels, Ontario, who survives him,

together with their only daughter, Mrs. R. G. McNeillie, of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Their only son, William Harold, died on December 27th, 1918, at the age of twenty-six years. The late M. W. Bro. Taylor came of Presbyterian stock and was for several years an elder of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Calgary. Later he was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, now known as Knox United Church.

Masonic

Stephen Young Taylor was made an Entered Apprentice at the age of 23, on October 8th, 1889, in St. John's Lodge, No. 284, at Brussels, Ontario; was passed on November 5th and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on December 3rd, 1889, and continued a member of this lodge until the 19th of September, 1891. In 1890 he removed to Wroxeter, Ontario, and affiliated with Forest Lodge, No. 162, on November 24th, 1890, and resigned from this lodge on November 12th, 1894. Following his removal from Wroxeter to Paris, Ontario, he affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 82, at Paris, on October 25th, 1898, and retained his membership therein until his death. He was Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 82, in 1901-1902 and in 1904 was elected District Deputy Grand Master of the Wilson District, being District No. 6 of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario). On November 14th, 1907, he affiliated with Ashlar Lodge, No. 28, on the register of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and continued a member of this lodge until his death. In June, 1912, he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M., and was successfully elected to the offices of Senior Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master, and finally Grand Master in June, 1915. He was the first Grand Master to visit officially the lodges located in that far Northern portion of our province known as the Peace River Country and during his year of office visited in every portion of the jurisdiction. In June, 1916, he was elected Grand Treasurer and in June, 1917, he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, a position which he filled with distinction to the date of his lamented death.

Perhaps we cannot do better in concluding than to refer to the appreciation of Most Worshipful Brother Taylor expressed by Bro. Rev. George A. Dickson in concluding the funeral services of our late Brother in stating that, "for twenty-two years it has been our privilege to enjoy the presence of the late Bro. Taylor, and throughout that time he bore without abuse the grand old name of "gentleman." His life of usefulness had been directed along three main avenues, educational, humanitarian and religious. Throughout the City and Province there are many who have reason to be grateful for his helping hand. Possibly it was such high and admirable qualities in his life that commended him to his brethren in Masonic circles and which resulted in his being offered the highest duties and honors in Freemasonry."

It is our order that this Memorial be read at the first stated meeting following its receipt and proper notation made in the minutes.

Given under our hand this 31st day of May, A.D. 1928, A.L. 5928.

Attest:

WILLIAM IRELAND,
Acting Grand Secretary.

GEORGE E. CRUICKSHANK,
Grand Master.

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Reverently Inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions.



<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Arkansas.....	Trieber, Jacob, P.G.M.....	Sept. 17, 1927
Colorado.....	Bridwell, William T., P.G.M.....	Sept. 29, 1927
Colorado.....	Vaile, William Newell, P.G.M.....	July 2, 1927
Delaware.....	Lukens, J. Paul, P.G.M.....	Sept. 6, 1927
Dist. of Columbia.....	Newton, T. John, P.G.M.....	Jan. 2, 1928
Dist. of Columbia.....	Johnston, Arvine W., Grand Sec'y ..	Mar. 4, 1928
Georgia.....	Carling, Thomas J., Grand Sec'y....	Mar. 22, 1928
Georgia.....	Colding, Robert L., P.G.M.....	Oct. 21, 1927
Indiana.....	Geake, William, P.G.M.....	June 13, 1927
Kansas.....	Mason, Henry Freeman, P.G.M.....	May 4, 1927
Kansas.....	Webb, Charles J., P.G.M.....	Jan. 3, 1928
Michigan.....	Rowson, John, P.G.M.....	April 26, 1927
Michigan.....	Dillon, James E., P.G.M.....	Dec. 24, 1927
Minnesota.....	Ives, Gideon Sprague, P.G.M.....	Dec. 20, 1927
Minnesota.....	Adams, Henry Rice, P.G.M.....	Mar. 30, 1928
Mississippi.....	Murphy, Paul Harrington, P.G.M....	Oct. 1, 1927
Montana.....	Langhorne, Samuel M., P.G.M.....	Jan. 5, 1927
Montana.....	Webster, Frederick Charles, P.G.M..	June 14, 1927
Montana.....	Allan, William Henry, P.G.M.....	April 12, 1928
Nebraska.....	King, Ornan J., P.G.M.....	Dec. 26, 1927
Ohio.....	Robinson, Ike M., P.G.M.....	Mar. 24, 1927
Ohio.....	Guitteau, Thomas Backus, P.G.M....	Sept. 19, 1927
Ohio.....	Melish, William B., P.G.M.....	Oct. 28, 1927
Ohio.....	Copeland, George Doddridge, P.G.M.	May 4, 1928
Tennessee.....	Price, Milton Humphries, P.G.M....	Nov. 23, 1927
Texas.....	Tyler, George W., P.G.M.....	Oct. 11, 1927
Virginia.....	Eggleston, Joseph Wm., P.G.M.....	Nov. 21, 1927
Washington.....	Miller, Abraham Lincoln, P.G.M....	Nov. 14, 1927
West Virginia.....	Thornburg, George Edgar, P.G.M....	June 18, 1927
West Virginia.....	Workman, William Taylor, G.M.....	Oct. 17, 1927



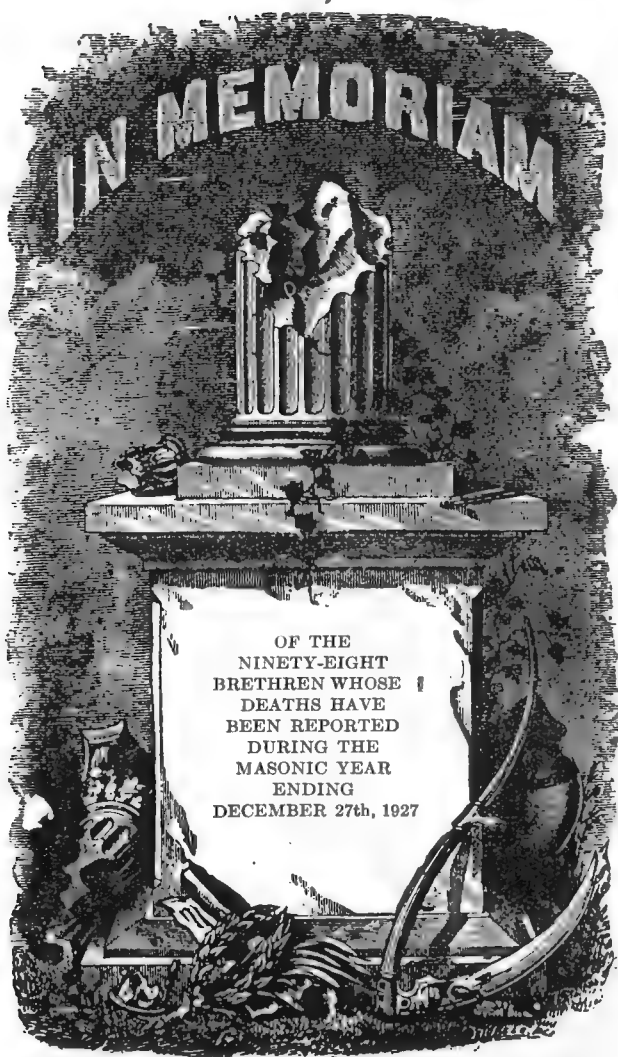
"—They are now at rest
With kindred spirits—spirits who have blessed
The human brotherhood
By labors, cares, and counsels for their good."

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To the Honored Dead of our own Jurisdiction.



<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1.	Bow River	Wayman, George Samuel	Jan. 21, 1927
1.	Bow River	Griffiths, George Henry	Feb. 2, 1927
1.	Bow River	Carney, A.	Sept. 4, 1923
1.	Bow River	Sloan, Alexander	Sept. 25, 1927
1.	Bow River	Hewitt, Joseph	Nov. 23, 1927
1.	Bow River	Cowling, Arthur J.	Dec. 1, 1927
2.	Medicine Hat	McCallum, John Norman	June 19, 1927
4.	North Star	Munro, James	July 11, 1927
4.	North Star	McKillop, H. A.	July 20, 1927
4.	North Star	Lawford, George	Sept. 22, 1927
5.	Cascade	Holden, James Oliver	May 6, 1927
5.	Cascade	Caldwell, George	May 30, 1927
5.	Cascade	Harrington, Thomas	Dec. 13, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Birt, William H.	April 7, 1926
7.	Edmonton	Race, Cecil E.	Jan. 11, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Gunn, Peter	June 21, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Stewart, Adam	Dec. 4, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Anderson, John Jamieson	Oct. 26, 1927
8.	Innisfail	Baynham, Alfred Lawrence	Mar. 17, 1927
8.	Innisfail	Disher, George R.	Mar. 1, 1927
9.	Perfection	McMahan, Edward	April 30, 1927
9.	Perfection	Ferguson, Boyd Caldwell	May 31, 1927
9.	Perfection	Livingstone, Geo. Henry	July 3, 1927
9.	Perfection	Budden, Guy Watts	Oct. 22, 1927
9.	Perfection	Davey, William Birney	Nov. 23, 1927
9.	Perfection	Saul, James Albert	Dec. 11, 1927
11.	Acacia	Crokart, Robert	Feb. 18, 1927
11.	Acacia	Smiles, John Weston	Aug. 10, 1927
12.	Red Deer	Dunn, John	April 11, 1927
12.	Red Deer	Pidgeon, Philisk	Nov. 15, 1927
13.	Victoria	McLellan, Angus Kaye	April 28, 1927
15.	Wetaskiwin	Vaughn, Clifford E.	Oct. 2, 1927
16.	Mountain View	Harvey, Clifford Wm.	Nov. 25, 1927
21.	King Hiram	Osmond, Henry E.	June 8, 1927
21.	King Hiram	Bicknell, John William	Mar. 30, 1927
23.	Calgary	Merritt, Roy Hoke	Jan. 20, 1927
23.	Calgary	Stedman, Thomas	Mar. 22, 1927
23.	Calgary	Dunlop, Daniel Robston	Dec. 7, 1927
25.	St. John's	Wain, Arthur W.	Aug. 26, 1927
28.	Ashlar	Stockton, Frederick W.	June 24, 1927
29.	Kenilworth	Plaxton, William H.	Mar. 23, 1927
29.	Kenilworth	Merritt, John	Aug. 3, 1927
30.	Summit	Gate, Harry	June 4, 1927
36.	Gleichen	Service, William	June 30, 1927



"They are waiting for us
In the City of Peace."

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
37.	Camrose	Scaulon, John Mathew	Jan. 3, 1927
37.	Camrose	Roger, Edward Coleridge	Mar. 20, 1927
42.	Bowden	Lougheed, Charles	June 8, 1927
44.	Buffalo Park	Turner, Charles W.	June 1, 1927
47.	Chinook	McLachlan, Robert	Mar. 7, 1927
50.	Comet	Saville, Frank Grieves	Oct. 28, 1927
51.	Unity	Armstrong, Ernest	April 25, 1927
53.	Strathmore	Lilly, Frederick R.	Unknown
54.	Mount Lebanon	Newing, William Edward	Feb. 26, 1927
54.	Mount Lebanon	Blumenschien, Jerome W.	Mar. 12, 1927
56.	Beaver	Armstrong, Alford Wm.	Feb. 3, 1927
56.	Beaver	Auxier, George F.	April 19, 1927
59.	King George	Crutcher, Joseph	July 14, 1927
61.	Provost	Engel, Alexander	Nov. 10, 1927
62.	Coal	Baird, Frederick Robert	Oct. 13, 1927
63.	Empire	Lahey, Charles James	April 13, 1927
64.	Bow Island	Luckhardt, Edgar W.	Jan. 1, 1927
67.	Charity	Livie, James Fletcher	Sept. 2, 1927
67.	Charity	Williamson, Andrew	Oct. 26, 1927
68.	Edson	Jackson, Byron Samuel	Sept. 12, 1926
68.	Edson	Fitzsimmons, Robert	June 3, 1927
68.	Edson	Younie, Alexander	July 16, 1927
69.	Connaught	Newby, James	Oct. 7, 1927
69.	Connaught	Evans, John	Oct. 21, 1927
69.	Connaught	Gilbert, Barney	Dec. 23, 1927
72.	Coronation	Storey, Secord	June 10, 1927
72.	Coronation	Smith, Joseph K.	Sept. 6, 1927
73.	Brooks	Bureau, George Emile C.	Feb. 12, 1927
82.	Acadia	Children, Stanton E.	Oct. 1, 1927
83.	Zetland	Graham, Archibald G.	Dec. 26, 1927
86.	Rocky Mountain	Purvis, John J.	Oct. 4, 1927
87.	Crescent	Hunt, Aaron	May 15, 1927
87.	Crescent	McCulloch, James	Sept. 30, 1927
89.	Peace River	Gauder, Alfred	Aug. 5, 1927
91.	Patricia	Michie, Alexander	May 21, 1927
91.	Patricia	Bacheldor, Cyrus F.	Aug. 26, 1927
91.	Patricia	McGibbon, James A.	Aug. 25, 1927
91.	Patricia	Lomas, George W.	Dec. 1, 1927
91.	Patricia	Tipp, John L.	Dec. 10, 1927
91.	Patricia	Stark, William	Dec. 3, 1927
92.	Saskatchewan	Todd, William James S.	Oct. 29, 1927
93.	Symbol	Holden, Jas. Oliver E.	May 6, 1927
95.	Kitchener	Symonds, Francis Robt.	Nov. 27, 1927
96.	Dynamic	Kennedy, Lorne Emery	April 25, 1927
101.	West Edmonton	Fielde, William	Mar. 31, 1927
114.	Westlock	Dezall, John	Oct. 4, 1927
119.	York	Bassett, John Y.	July 15, 1927
130.	Hussar	Stainsleigh, Hugh	April 17, 1927
132.	Craigmyle	Sitlington, Chester L.	July 29, 1927
134.	Renfrew	Rawlings, William Philip	July 12, 1927
134.	Renfrew	O'Neill, Ralph J.	Sept. 8, 1927
135.	St. Alban's	Hermanson, Invald	Dec. 23, 1927

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No.	Lodge	Name	Date
1.	Bow River	Bourne, Joseph	June 1, 1927
1.	Bow River	Davie, John Stalker	June 1, 1927
1.	Bow River	Edmond, William	June 1, 1927
1.	Bow River	Gillespie, Richard C.	June 1, 1927
1.	Bow River	Scott, William	June 1, 1927
2.	Medicine Hat	Elder, Thomas Andrew	Jan. 11, 1927
2.	Medicine Hat	Whimpster, Henry K.	Jan. 11, 1927
2.	Medicine Hat	Aikens, James A.	Dec. 13, 1927
2.	Medicine Hat	Smith, Charles W.	Dec. 13, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Douglas, Hy Ward Beecher	Dec. 13, 1927
7.	Edmonton	McIntosh, John Robert	Dec. 13, 1927
7.	Edmonton	McKnight, George Franklin	Dec. 13, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Norcott, John Joseph	Dec. 13, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Wood, Percy J.	Dec. 13, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Barnett, Loyal Stuart	Dec. 13, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Carruthers, William T.	Dec. 13, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Davidson, John M.	Dec. 13, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Hope, William	Dec. 13, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Lewis, Charles	Dec. 13, 1927
7.	Edmonton	Stewart, Adam	Dec. 13, 1927
8.	Innisfail	Stephenson, Baldur	Feb. 17, 1927
8.	Innisfail	Campbell, George D.	Feb. 17, 1927
8.	Innisfail	Brayton, Merrill J.	Feb. 17, 1927
9.	Perfection	Barber, William	May 17, 1927
9.	Perfection	Carson, John Macauley	May 17, 1927
9.	Perfection	Folkins, Aulie Lodge	May 17, 1927
9.	Perfection	McLennan, Clinton W.	May 17, 1927
9.	Perfection	Nancarrow, Walter Charles	May 17, 1927
9.	Perfection	Robinson, Donald Ross	May 17, 1927
9.	Perfection	Martin, Robert R.	May 17, 1927
11.	Acacia	Hardy, John Harold	June 9, 1927
11.	Acacia	Moore, Frank Ireson	June 9, 1927
11.	Acacia	Moore, Donald J.	June 9, 1927
11.	Acacia	McKillop, Robert Ray	June 9, 1927
12.	Red Deer	Roberts, Evan Ellis	April 12, 1927
12.	Red Deer	Wallace, Harry	April 12, 1927
12.	Red Deer	Gaetz, Thomas Anson	April 12, 1927
15.	Wetaskiwin	McPherson, Charles	Mar. 17, 1927
16.	Mountain View	Corlett, Charles A. S.	Dec. 2, 1927
20.	Carstairs	Boucock, Harold L.	May 12, 1927
22.	Corinthian	Starley, Percy M.	June 7, 1927
22.	Corinthian	Latimer, Joseph Sumner	June 7, 1927
22.	Corinthian	Barnes, Frank George	June 7, 1927
23.	Calgary	Carlyle, Thomas M.	Feb. 4, 1927
23.	Calgary	Gallacher, Robert	Feb. 4, 1927
23.	Calgary	Impey, Irving James	Feb. 4, 1927
23.	Calgary	Petts, John Thomas	April 1, 1927
23.	Calgary	Semmen, s Edward James	Feb. 4, 1927
23.	Calgary	Warren, George Stewart	Feb. 4, 1927
24.	Vermilion	Wilson, William Edward B.	Dec. 6, 1927
24.	Vermilion	Yates, Harry	Dec. 6, 1927
26.	Sentinel	Hutton, Isaac	June 15, 1927
26.	Sentinel	Chadwick, Arthur	Dec. 7, 1927
28.	Ashlar	Otto, William Ellis	Dec. 8, 1927
30.	Summit	Slingsby, Sydney	May 5, 1927
30.	Summit	Davis, Alfred Thomas	Dec. 1, 1927
35.	Mizpah	Finlay, William Brownlee	Dec. 20, 1927

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
35.	Mizpah.....	Reid, John Edward.....	Dec. 20, 1927
35.	Mizpah.....	Scott, Walter Andrew.....	Dec. 20, 1927
35.	Mizpah.....	Scillely, William Thomas.....	Jan. 18, 1927
35.	Mizpah.....	Mitchell, David.....	Jan. 18, 1927
35.	Mizpah.....	Whiteside, Sid Edward.....	Jan. 18, 1927
35.	Mizpah.....	Moran, William Nichol.....	Jan. 18, 1927
36.	Gleichen.....	Acheson, Robert James.....	Oct. 11, 1927
36.	Gleichen.....	Clements, Roy Leigh.....	Oct. 11, 1927
37.	Camrose.....	Willard, Fredrick Lindsay.....	June 9, 1927
37.	Camrose.....	Northey, Thomas Arthur.....	July 14, 1927
37.	Camrose.....	Pearce, Leo Elmere.....	Sept. 8, 1927
38.	Hope.....	Morrison, Malcolm.....	Dec. 27, 1927
38.	Hope.....	Nelson, Charles.....	Dec. 27, 1927
38.	Hope.....	Young, William.....	Dec. 27, 1927
38.	Hope.....	Wilson, John Herman.....	Dec. 27, 1927
38.	Hope.....	Austin, Albert Edward.....	Dec. 27, 1927
39.	Lethbridge.....	Calhoun, William M.....	Dec. 15, 1927
39.	Lethbridge.....	Bower, George Edward.....	Dec. 15, 1927
39.	Lethbridge.....	Legg, Cornelius Elton.....	Dec. 15, 1927
39.	Lethbridge.....	Allan, Hugh.....	Dec. 15, 1927
41.	King Solomon.....	Potts, William J.....	June 10, 1927
41.	King Solomon.....	Scott, Robert.....	May 13, 1927
43.	Tuscan.....	Forsyth, Archibald R.....	April 6, 1927
43.	Tuscan.....	McGowan, William R.....	April 6, 1927
43.	Tuscan.....	Black, Albert.....	April 6, 1927
47.	Chinook.....	Askey, Wallace Graham.....	Feb. 14, 1927
47.	Chinook.....	White, T. Clement B.....	Feb. 14, 1927
47.	Chinook.....	White, Frank H. Buchanan.....	Feb. 14, 1927
47.	Chinook.....	Lloyd, William Chas. L.....	Feb. 14, 1927
51.	Unity.....	Mason, Arthur Benjamin.....	Mar. 1, 1927
51.	Unity.....	Bell, John.....	Dec. 6, 1927
51.	Unity.....	Brown, Thomas W. B.....	Dec. 6, 1927
51.	Unity.....	MacKay, Alexander Cameron.....	Dec. 6, 1927
51.	Unity.....	Miner, Loftus T.....	Dec. 6, 1927
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Macdonald, Angus.....	Mar. 8, 1927
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Papkee, John Alfred.....	Mar. 8, 1927
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Wilson, Thomas.....	Mar. 8, 1927
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	MacLauchlan, Robert Henry.....	Mar. 8, 1927
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Gaylard, George Stanley.....	April 12, 1927
55.	Bassano.....	Reeves, David L.....	Dec. 6, 1927
55.	Bassano.....	Bunny, Brice Hamilton.....	Dec. 6, 1927
56.	Beaver.....	Murphy, Roy Clarke.....	Jan. 1, 1927
56.	Beaver.....	Daw, Robert Alexander.....	June 1, 1927
56.	Beaver.....	Smith, John Thomas.....	Dec. 2, 1927
56.	Beaver.....	Hogan, Charles Ambrose.....	Dec. 2, 1927
59.	King George.....	Caldwell, Oscar.....	April 8, 1927
59.	King George.....	Stanbridge, Ernest James.....	Nov. 11, 1927
59.	King George.....	Crandell, Charles E.....	Nov. 11, 1927
59.	King George.....	Hall, George C.....	Nov. 11, 1927
59.	King George.....	Bleakley, Josiah.....	Nov. 11, 1927
60.	Aeme.....	Duthie, Alexander.....	Feb. 10, 1927
63.	Empire.....	Askew, Samuel.....	Feb. 21, 1927
63.	Empire.....	Clarke, James Joseph.....	Feb. 21, 1927
63.	Empire.....	Ferrier, Thomas.....	Feb. 21, 1927
63.	Empire.....	Gee, Bernard Victor.....	Feb. 21, 1927
63.	Empire.....	Horne, Walter Henry.....	Feb. 21, 1927
63.	Empire.....	Newnham, Ernest C.....	Feb. 21, 1927
63.	Empire.....	Roberts, Percival H.....	Feb. 21, 1927
63.	Empire.....	Starkey, John B.....	Feb. 21, 1927

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
63.	Empire.....	Tyrrell, Joseph Lucas.....	Feb. 21, 1927
63.	Empire.....	Watt, Thomas.....	Feb. 21, 1927
63.	Empire.....	Winterburn, Luke.....	Feb. 21, 1927
63.	Empire.....	Woolrich, Herbert.....	Feb. 21, 1927
67.	Charity.....	Bletcher, Gerald F.....	Dec. 13, 1927
67.	Charity.....	Sullivan, Arthur.....	Dec. 13, 1927
67.	Charity.....	Parsons, Henry R.....	Dec. 13, 1927
73.	Brooks.....	Tweed, Herbert.....	Oct. 18, 1927
73.	Brooks.....	Sheldon, Garnet A.....	Oct. 18, 1927
73.	Brooks.....	Hamilton, John Edmond.....	Oct. 18, 1927
74.	Vulcan.....	Clark, Claude De'Isle.....	June 14, 1927
74.	Vulcan.....	McDonald, Christopher.....	June 14, 1927
74.	Vulcan.....	Kitto, Herbert Le Bert.....	June 14, 1927
74.	Vulcan.....	Davenport, Thomas Benson.....	June 14, 1927
77.	Stratheona.....	Meaden, Ernest.....	May 13, 1927
77.	Stratheona.....	Ross, James A.....	May 13, 1927
77.	Stratheona.....	Law, Alfred J.....	Dec. 9, 1927
77.	Stratheona.....	Sande, Eric.....	Dec. 9, 1927
77.	Stratheona.....	Sterns, Henry H.....	Dec. 9, 1927
77.	Stratheona.....	Dowley, Wm. B. K.....	Dec. 9, 1927
77.	Stratheona.....	Gilbert, Henry L.....	Dec. 9, 1927
78.	Hanna.....	Harris, Frank Earl.....	Mar. 2, 1927
78.	Hanna.....	Macropol, Harry.....	Mar. 2, 1927
78.	Hanna.....	Nixon, A. Crombie.....	Mar. 2, 1927
78.	Hanna.....	Shacker, Isber F.....	Mar. 2, 1927
80.	Excelsior.....	Golden, Robert Henry.....	Nov. 3, 1927
80.	Excelsior.....	McArthur, Malcolm Arthur.....	Nov. 3, 1927
81.	Commercial.....	Deans, John Mann.....	Feb. 5, 1927
81.	Commercial.....	Engley, Robert Bulmer.....	Feb. 5, 1927
81.	Commercial.....	Gage, James G.....	Feb. 5, 1927
81.	Commercial.....	Smyth, John Earl.....	Feb. 5, 1927
81.	Commercial.....	Otway, Henry Thomas.....	Feb. 5, 1927
82.	Acadia.....	Campbell, George.....	April 12, 1927
82.	Acadia.....	Robinson, William C.....	April 12, 1927
85.	Suffield.....	Roberts, John Owen.....	Dec. 31, 1927
85.	Suffield.....	Shields, Francis Walter.....	Dec. 31, 1927
85.	Suffield.....	Hansen, Simeon.....	Dec. 31, 1927
85.	Suffield.....	McCauley, Frank.....	Dec. 31, 1927
85.	Suffield.....	Rose, James.....	Dec. 31, 1927
85.	Suffield.....	Taylor, Stewart Newton.....	Dec. 31, 1927
85.	Suffield.....	Christie, David.....	Dec. 31, 1927
87.	Crescent.....	Bennett, Joseph H.....	June 14, 1927
87.	Crescent.....	Gleed, Fred G.....	June 14, 1927
87.	Crescent.....	Morris, Charles R.....	June 14, 1927
87.	Crescent.....	Reed, John T.....	June 14, 1927
87.	Crescent.....	Thompson, John.....	June 14, 1927
87.	Crescent.....	Webster, Alexander.....	June 14, 1927
90.	Norwood.....	Carlson, John Bernard.....	Dec. 13, 1927
90.	Norwood.....	Mason, Adam.....	Dec. 13, 1927
90.	Norwood.....	McCurdy, William.....	Dec. 13, 1927
90.	Norwood.....	Roy, Maurice.....	Dec. 13, 1927
90.	Norwood.....	Roberts, Charles Augustus.....	Dec. 13, 1927
91.	Patricia.....	Briggs, Isaiah W.....	Dec. 16, 1927
91.	Patricia.....	Becker, August H.....	Dec. 16, 1927
91.	Patricia.....	Currie, Daniel S.....	Dec. 16, 1927
91.	Patricia.....	Culver, Edward S.....	Dec. 16, 1927
91.	Patricia.....	Farquharson, Wm. Oben.....	Dec. 16, 1927
91.	Patricia.....	Fowler, William O.....	Dec. 16, 1927

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
91.	Patricia	Holmes, Cecil U.	Dec. 16, 1927
91.	Patricia	Homer, James H.	Dec. 16, 1927
91.	Patricia	Hamilton, Robert J.	Dec. 16, 1927
91.	Patricia	Lines, John H.	Dec. 16, 1927
91.	Patricia	MacBrayne, William A.	Dec. 16, 1927
91.	Patricia	Warren, Everett W.	Dec. 16, 1927
92.	Saskatchewan	Garfin, Henry	Sept. 6, 1927
93.	Symbol	Clark, Robert	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	Gibson, Aza Hugh	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	Larriar, Chas. F.	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	Lusher, Wilford	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	Mason, James Paul	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	Monckton, William	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	McDonald, Willis E.	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	McAllister, N.	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	McLeod, Allan	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	McKenzie, Charles G.	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	Parker, Anthony	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	De Repentigny, Mose	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	Rodie, Thomas E.	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	Rosentiel, James R.	Sept. 8, 1927
93.	Symbol	Sommerville, John M.	Sept. 8, 1927
98.	Hand Hill	Hudgeon, William	May 11, 1927
98.	Hand Hill	Chase, Albert E.	May 11, 1927
98.	Hand Hill	Carson, Arthur	May 11, 1927
98.	Hand Hill	Stronach, Alexander	May 11, 1927
98.	Hand Hill	Walrod, Leslie Fayette	May 11, 1927
98.	Hand Hill	Lensgraf, A. E.	May 11, 1927
98.	Hand Hill	D'Alton, Robert Patrick	May 11, 1927
98.	Hand Hill	McDonald, Kenneth	May 11, 1927
100.	Warner	Gordon, Alexander	May 12, 1927
101.	West Edmonton	Bolander, Edward I.	June 1, 1927
101.	West Edmonton	Buxton, William C.	June 1, 1927
105.	Grande Prairie	Bates, John Thomas	May 18, 1927
105.	Grande Prairie	Mathison, Francis Mortimer	May 18, 1927
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Nash, Thomas B.	July 13, 1927
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Lever, William F.	July 13, 1927
107.	Carbon	Hurst, James	April 12, 1927
110.	Kilwinning	Luxton, John	Dec. 27, 1927
110.	Kilwinning	Park, William	Dec. 27, 1927
111.	Nobleford	Thurston, Fred J.	June 30, 1927
111.	Nobleford	Clark, Fred	June 30, 1927
111.	Nobleford	Reilly, Andy W.	June 30, 1927
116.	Spirit River	Hamelin, John R.	June 20, 1927
116.	Spirit River	Jaynes, Frederick W.	June 20, 1927
117.	Dominion	Johnson, George A.	Dec. 14, 1927
117.	Dominion	Camroux, Charles M.	Dec. 14, 1927
120.	Monitor	McKenzie, William Geo.	April 21, 1927
120.	Monitor	English, Sanford	April 21, 1927
123.	Rockyford	Longbotham, Timothy	Aug. 11, 1927
123.	Rockyford	Wilson, Edward M.	Aug. 11, 1927
124.	Concord	Ingram, John M.	Mar. 5, 1927
125.	Cavell	Pratt, Frank William	Oct. 6, 1927
129.	Meridian	Wilson, Frederick E.	Oct. 4, 1927
134.	Renfrew	Austin, Arthur John	Nov. 9, 1927
134.	Renfrew	Kemp, William	Nov. 9, 1927
134.	Renfrew	Ross, Charles C.	Nov. 9, 1927
134.	Renfrew	Stoddard, Andrew T.	Nov. 9, 1927

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
134.	Renfrew	Trigg, Ernest Frank	Nov. 9, 1927
135.	Alliance	McPherson, Hector	April 6, 1927
142.	Ivanhoe	Carson, Harry Remillard	May 2, 1927

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54.	Mount Lebanon	Bonham, Charles Leonard	Nov. 12, 1927
62.	Coal	Kvittem, Nils L.	June , 1927
113.	Cyprus	Hamilton, Robert	Mar. 25, 1927
124.	Concord	Reader, Herbert W.	Jan. 1, 1927

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River	Turnbull, Roy Fred	Mar. 2, 1927
1.	Bow River	Gamble, William Joshua	May 4, 1927
1.	Bow River	Smith, George W.	Dec. 7, 1927
1.	Bow River	McGregor, James	Dec. 7, 1927
1.	Bow River	Fawdry, Herbert Edward	Mar. 2, 1927
2.	Medicine Hat	Mackie, George	Feb. 8, 1927
2.	Medicine Hat	Eleczko, Frederick Alex.	Feb. 8, 1927
4.	North Star	McLean, George N.	Feb. 14, 1927
4.	North Star	Rowan, H. J.	Nov. 14, 1927
4.	North Star	Taylor, D. A.	Dec. 21, 1927
6.	Spitzie	Cumberland, Thomas J.	Feb. 24, 1927
9.	Perfection	Goldsmith, Jacque	May 17, 1927
11.	Acacia	McElroy, Vernor C.	Sept. 8, 1927
12.	Red Deer	Roberts, Evan Ellis	Nov. 8, 1927
13.	Victoria	Yarr, Thomas Edward	May 5, 1927
17.	Nanton	Brydon, Reginald Geo. E.	Feb. 18, 1927
17.	Nanton	Winsor, Henry	Nov. 18, 1927
17.	Nanton	Holland, Carl	Dec. 16, 1927
20.	Carstairs	Macdonald, John Rory	May 12, 1927
23.	Calgary	Hodgins, Herbert E.	Feb. 2, 1927
23.	Calgary	McFarlane, William A.	Mar. 4, 1927
23.	Calgary	Warren, George Stewart	Dec. 2, 1927
26.	Sentinel	Chestnut, Charles Edward	Nov. 9, 1927
30.	Summit	Slingsby, Sydney	Aug. 4, 1927
33.	Stavely	McAulay, Ewan Gould	April 12, 1927
35.	Mizpah	Scilley, William Thomas	Dec. 20, 1927
42.	Bowden	Houston, Samuel James	June 14, 1927
51.	Unity	Johnson, Donald Grover	April 5, 1927
51.	Unity	Welsh, Henry	April 5, 1927
51.	Unity	Ferguson, Andrew Welsh	May 3, 1927
51.	Unity	Charman, Arthur	May 3, 1927
51.	Unity	Commeayne, Florent Henry	June 7, 1927
51.	Unity	Mason, Arthur Benjamin	June 7, 1927
51.	Unity	Fleming, Albert D.	Oct. 4, 1927
54.	Mount Lebanon	MacLauchlan, Robert Henry	April 12, 1927
59.	King George	Caldwell, Oscar	Dec. 9, 1927
63.	Empire	Tyrrell, Joseph Lucas	Mar. 21, 1927
63.	Empire	Fairley, Joseph	Mar. 21, 1927
63.	Empire	Wigle, Archibald	Mar. 21, 1927
63.	Empire	Gee, Bernard Victor	June 20, 1927

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68.	Edson.....	Matheson, Thomas.....	Nov. 3, 1927
73.	Brooks.....	Ferguson, Donald John.....	Feb. 15, 1927
76.	Fidelity.....	Brewster, Henry Clark.....	July 12, 1927
76.	Fidelity.....	Handley, Robert.....	Sept. 6, 1927
76.	Fidelity.....	Munroe, James Hamilton.....	Nov. 8, 1927
76.	Fidelity.....	McFadden, Andrew C.....	Nov. 8, 1927
76.	Fidelity.....	Pearson, Edward S.....	Nov. 8, 1927
76.	Fidelity.....	Trayer, Ben J.....	Nov. 8, 1927
77.	Strathcona.....	Bergey, Simon A.....	Dec. 9, 1927
78.	Hanna.....	Esler, John.....	May 4, 1927
78.	Hanna.....	Shacker, Isber F.....	Oct. 5, 1927
81.	Commercial.....	Smyth, John Earl.....	Sept. 3, 1927
81.	Commercial.....	Johnson, Charles.....	Dec. 3, 1927
83.	Zetland.....	Clarke, Victor C.....	June 10, 1927
91.	Patricia.....	Peat, Harold R.....	Feb. 18, 1927
92.	Saskatchewan.....	Garfin, Henry.....	Nov. 8, 1927
98.	Hand Hill.....	Hudgeon, William.....	Dec. 7, 1927
98.	Hand Hill.....	Carson, Arthur.....	Sept. 7, 1927
104.	Oyen.....	Caldwell, Charles.....	Nov. 7, 1927
105.	Grande Prairie.....	Leslie, Edward Hunter.....	May 18, 1927
105.	Grande Prairie.....	Kenney, Paul Clayton.....	Dec. 15, 1927
114.	Westlock.....	Birks, George.....	April 27, 1927
132.	Craigmyle.....	Davis, James Tudor.....	Sept. 6, 1927

LODGE DIRECTORY
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No.	Lodge	Master	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
1.	Bow River	J. F. Hadow	R. Swift	1522 4th St. N. W., Calgary	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat	Lewis Monkey	W. H. Williams	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta	G. H. Sougal	O. F. Fanst	Macleod	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star	J. A. Livingstone	Wm. M. Edwards	P. O. Box 802, Lethbridge	Second Monday in each month.
5.	Cascade	Cyril G. Childe	R. A. Liggit	Banff	Thursday on or before full moon.
6.	Spitzie	Harry Purkis	Dr. W. H. Geering	Pincher Creek	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton	T. A. Potts	P. O. Barnhouse	P. O. Box 515, Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail	Stanley A. Fox	W. H. Jackson	Innisfail	Third Tuesday in each month.
9.	Perfection	L. H. Irwin	C. E. Halliday	Alexander Corner, Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka	Geo. E. Mann	Jesse Fraser	Lacombe	First Wednesday in each month.
11.	Acacia	E. E. Primmer	E. J. Flavin	10261-116th St., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
12.	Red Deer	T. H. Edis	A. G. Ayres	Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Victoria	H. W. Dodge	H. N. Carscadden	Fort Saskatchewan	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
14.	Jasper	Ernest Henderson	H. Sandilands	9258-91st Street, Edmonton	Second Monday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin	Geo. E. Wiseman	Geo. D. Wallace	Wetaskiwin	Third Thursday in each month.
16.	Mountain View	A. A. Dunkley	J. C. F. Paul	Olds	Friday, on or before full moon.
17.	Nanton	Geo. I. Burke	James Frewin	Nanton	Third Friday in each month.
18.	Britannia	R. W. McWilliam	A. G. Glendinning	Ponoka	First Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone	I. N. McKeage	P. G. Thomas	P. O. Drawer 307, High River	Third Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs	Chas. F. Kelly	W. A. Pryor	Carstairs	Thursday, on or before full moon.
21.	King Hiram	J. McDougall	H. Morgan	Didsbury	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
22.	Corinthian	Chas. F. Forekel	G. C. S. Paterson	Okotoks	First Tuesday in each month.
23.	Calgary	R. R. Bryant	J. A. McBurney	2003-2nd St. W., Calgary	First Friday in each month.
24.	Vermilion	John T. Fyfe	L. G. Dunaway	Vermilion	First Tuesday in each month.
25.	St. John's	M. L. Gordon	H. H. Hacker	Vegreville	First Monday in each month.
26.	Sentinel	Peter Haggarty	H. O. Westrup	Hillcrest	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
27.	Apollo	G. M. Ball	C. B. Morton	Stettler	First Monday in each month.
28.	Ashtar	D. S. McIlroy	W. R. Reader	24th Ave. & 2nd St. E., Calgary	Second Thursday in each month.
29.	Kenilworth	Chas. Sinclair	S. Farnely	Red Deer	First Tuesday in each month.
30.	Summit	Thos. E. Flynn	A. M. W. Cooke	Coleman	First Thursday in each month.
31.	Doric	T. M. Allen	J. Howell Jones	P. O. Box 116, Taber	Second Tuesday in each month.
32.	Carro	Peter Cook	Carl Mogensén	Glarsholm	Third Tuesday in each month.
33.	Stavely	T. H. Hatch	R. A. Hopkins	Stavely	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
34.	Star of the West	E. N. Bullock	W. L. Taylor	P. O. Box 516, Leduc	First Tuesday in each month.
35.	Mirpal	I. A. Montgomery	W. B. Stevens	227-2nd St., Medicine Hat	Third Tuesday in each month.
36.	Gleichen	A. B. Lewis	A. G. Baker	Gleichen	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
37.	Camrose	H. P. Curtis	J. M. Brown	Camrose	Second Thursday in each month.
38.	Hope	G. T. Taylor	W. N. Crooks	Marvill	Monday, on or before full moon.
39.	Lethbridge	G. H. Nowell	E. J. Ressler	P. O. Box 537, Lethbridge	Third Thursday in each month.
40.	Joppa	Donald Campbell	A. S. Prehls	Graham	Thursday, on or before full moon.

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41.	King Solomon.	L. D. Nicoll.	Arthur Turner.	Cochrane	Friday, on or before full moon.
42.	Bowden.	D. Wadleigh.	Arthur L. Boyd.	Bowden.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
43.	Tuscan.	Oscar Jacobs.	Dr. G. Y. Barnett.	Killam.	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
44.	Buffalo Park.	J. Cuthbertson.	A. L. Watkins.	Wainwright.	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
45.	Ionic.	A. S. Bissett.	A. C. Tallman.	Alx.	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Palestine.	Wm. C. McClurg.	Jas. Carver, Jr.	Tofield.	Third Wednesday in each month.
47.	Chinook.	A. G. M. Swart.	M. A. Murphy.	Cowley.	Monday, on or before full moon.
48.	Crossfield.	A. G. C. Dougan.	R. J. Crocker.	Crossfield.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
49.	Robert Burns.	A. B. Webster.	W. J. Dayman.	Carmangay.	Monday, on or before full moon.
50.	Comet.	W. T. Haynes.	A. J. McArthur.	Hardisty.	Second Wednesday in each month.
51.	Unity.	A. E. Nickerson.	D. McIntosh.	P. O. Box 721, Edmonton.	First Tuesday in each month.
53.	Strathmore.	Wm. Gray.	W. S. Paterson.	Strathmore.	First Monday in each month.
54.	Mount Lebanon.	N. McKechnie.	W. M. Spark.	1539-8th Ave. E., Calgary.	Second Tuesday in each month.
55.	Basano.	M. D. MacDonald.	H. H. Beeber.	Basano.	First Tuesday in each month.
56.	Beaver.	D. W. Paradise.	A. R. Newsham.	Castor.	First Tuesday in each month.
57.	Grassy Lake.	Geo. W. Corns.	Wm. Raisbeck.	Grassy Lake.	Second Thursday in each month.
58.	Chief Mountain.	R. J. Gillespie.	C. F. Nichol.	Cardston.	Second Thursday in each month.
59.	King George.	C. W. Langford.	T. B. Donald.	312 2nd St. N.E., Calgary.	Second Friday in each month.
60.	Acme.	Jas. C. Smith.	Joseph Hunt.	Acme.	Second Friday in each month.
61.	Provost.	W. Ironfield.	A. W. Fiske.	Provost.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
62.	Coal.	W. H. Riley.	G. C. Proctor.	Bawlf.	Third Thursday in each month.
63.	Empire.	Jas. A. Bell.	J. Martland.	9620-105th St., Edmonton.	Third Monday in each month.
64.	Bow Island.	Jas. Rasmussen.	Jas. W. Reid.	Bow Island.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
65.	Diamond City.	Andrew Sherrit.	H. B. Fuller.	Kipp.	Second Friday in each month.
66.	St. Andrew's.	Jas. L. Sadler.	Hugh McLellan.	Trochu.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
67.	Charity.	J. Armit.	Chas. Barrett.	539-12th St. A., N. Lethbridge.	Second Tuesday in each month.
68.	Edison.	W. E. Rivers.	Frank Mayer.	P. O. Box 110, Edson.	First Thursday in each month.
69.	Connaught.	C. G. Purvis.	E. A. Meredith.	Viking.	Tuesday nearest full moon.
70.	Quarry.	John Kitchen.	E. L. Stone.	Redcliff.	First Tuesday in each month.
71.	Tawatnaaw.	Jas. Munns.	W. E. Henderson.	Athabasca.	First Wednesday in each month.
72.	Coronation.	T. N. Cuthbert.	Geo. D. Armstrong.	Coronation.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
73.	Brooks.	F. Y. Archibald.	Dr. C. E. Anderson.	Brooks.	Third Tuesday in each month.
74.	Vulcan.	S. Washburn.	F. M. Anderson.	Vulcan.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
75.	Harmony.	H. W. Scott.	W. J. Cumberland.	Sedgewick.	Monday, on or before full moon.
76.	Fidelity.	Geo. H. Raemer.	Jas. A. Marshall.	Bashaw.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
77.	Strathcona.	J. H. Favey.	Harry C. Neal.	8955-54th Ave., Edmonton.	Second Friday in each month.
78.	Hanna.	R. M. H. Thurlbeck.	J. N. Oldham.	Hanna.	First Wednesday in each month.
79.	Morning Star.	J. R. Johnson.	C. P. Rowland.	Loughed.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
80.	Excelsior.	Jas. Hamilton.	Cecar McCune.	Strome.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
81.	Commercial.	L. L. Haliburton.	Kendall Kerr.	10966-125th Street, Edmonton.	First Saturday in each month.
82.	Acadia.	J. C. Gibbs.	L. R. Martin.	Youngstown.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
83.	Zetland.	David Patterson.	Geo. Cronie.	310-20th Ave W., Calgary.	Second Friday in each month.
84.	Champion.	John S. Collins.	H. E. Gill.	Champion.	Second Thursday in each month.

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85.	Suffield	A. B. Spence	I. C. Anderson	Suffield	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
86.	Rocky Mountain	Daniel Ross	Eric Muncester	Edmonton	Second Monday in each month.
87.	Crescent	H. M. Smith	M. Currie	607-17th Ave. N.W., Calgary.	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Wahpun	C. A. Walker	H. H. Reynolds	Edg. Prairie	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89.	Peace River	E. Quinn	T. A. Norris	Edg. Prairie	Second Wednesday in each month.
90.	Norwood	Thos. M. Hughes	Alex. Rutherford	1935-55th St., Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patricia	Geo. W. Elliott	Geo. H. McArthur	10014-102nd Ave., Edmonton.	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan	A. H. Clark	R. H. Ennsmore	10559-53rd Ave., Edmonton.	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol	Wm. A. Milton	L. B. Gudge	Dunbeller	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Lamont	Daniel F. McLean	L. B. Adams	Lamont	First Monday in each month.
95.	Kitchener	C. J. Hewitt	Harry N. Taylor	Edg. Prairie	Friday, on or before full moon.
96.	Dynamic	Alfred Sanderson	Robert Enmond	Holmes	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion	E. A. Pitman	F. H. Fahner	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill	E. N. Bigelow	A. Anderson	Delia	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
99.	Mount Moriah	T. C. Scott	W. S. Ayer	Sibbald	Thursday, on or before full moon.
100.	Verdigris	C. B. Barrows	J. A. Campbell	Milk River	Thursday, on or before full moon.
101.	West Edmonton	John McPhee	W. O. Coulman	12942-120th St., Edmonton.	First Wednesday in each month.
102.	Edgerton	S. V. Snyder	Thos. J. Chavasse	Edgerton	Monday, on or before full moon.
103.	Foremost	John C. Piper	T. A. Reynar	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
104.	Oyen	Donald McKay	J. R. Lowe	Oyen	First Friday in each month.
105.	Grande Prairie	A. W. A. Stewart-Irvine	P. H. Belcher	Grande Prairie	Third Wednesday in each month.
106.	Lake Saskatchewan	R. E. Campbell	A. E. W. Roberts	Wembley	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
107.	Carbon	G. W. McNeill	S. F. Torrance	Carbon	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
108.	Pyramid	E. M. Benson	W. J. Clements	Box 135, Lomond	Monday, on or before full moon.
109.	Ancient Landmark	J. P. Webster	J. F. Baugh	Mirror	First Wednesday in each month.
110.	Kilwinning	Wm. E. Stewart	G. T. McGregor	Minburn	Third Monday in each month.
111.	Nobleford	C. Pendergast	Wm. Cawdron	Nobleford	First Tuesday in each month.
112.	Victory	C. A. Albrecht	L. P. Roach	Jarrow	First Tuesday in each month.
113.	Cyprus	Andrew Shelhine	L. P. Roach	Three Hills	Third Tuesday in each month.
114.	Westlock	Jas. E. Hunter	Geo. McFavish	Westlock	First Thursday in each month.
115.	Crocus	J. W. Lawrence	R. W. Wright	Chinook	Third Tuesday in each month.
116.	Spirit River	David Esplen	A. C. Egan	Spirit River	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
117.	Dominion	A. B. McCurdy	D. Porter	9936-145th St., Edmonton.	Third Monday in each month.
118.	St. Mark's	John McCulloch	R. W. Price	507-14th Ave. W., Calgary.	Second Wednesday in each month.
119.	York	H. C. Graham	T. H. Edmunds	P. O. Box 301, Lethbridge.	Second Monday in each month.
120.	Monitor	J. H. Norton	L. Monroe	Monitor	First Tuesday in each month.
121.	Clive	F. J. Sissons	H. M. Williams	Clive	Thursday, on or after full moon.
122.	Rising Sun	N. Rushton	D. Drinnan	Gadsby	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
123.	Rockyford	P. Colbert	A. H. Erswell	Rockyford	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
124.	Concord	Robert S. Gibson	Dr. J. Solomon	809B-16th Ave. W., Calgary.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
125.	Cavell	J. Rodney Smith	Dr. J. Raper	Delburne	Thursday, on or after full moon.
126.	Pembina	Robert A. Conrad	E. Dumbrell	Sangudo	First Tuesday in each month.
127.	Granite	John Wilson	Harry Andrews	Blackie	First Wednesday in each month.

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128.	Forestburg	L. Osberg	Harry Hardin	Forestburg	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
129.	Meridian	John H. Lory	F. W. Lundy	Stony Plain	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
130.	Husker	J. V. Elliott	F. R. Reeves	Husker	Thursday, on or after full moon.
131.	Kitecooty	T. H. Currie	W. T. Stephen	Kitecooty	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
132.	Craigmyle	J. M. Armstrong	J. McLean	Craigmyle	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
133.	Manyberries	Geo. W. Allen	J. M. Courtney	Manyberries	Second Wednesday in each month.
134.	Renfrew	C. W. Scrae	L. S. Irvine	10 Dufferin Lodge, Calgary	Second Wednesday in each month.
135.	Alliance	Alex. J. Allnutt	N. B. Anderson	Alliance	First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Cresset	D. E. Kennedy	John A. Gow	Barons	Monday after the full moon.
137.	Irricana	Wm. J. Hare	LeRoy W. Bond	Irricana	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway	W. Mathewson	N. A. Houghton	Onoway	First Wednesday in each month.
139.	Melrose	F. E. Neville	F. E. Murray	Daysland	Second Tuesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley	A. B. Spencer	J. H. Cochrane	Big Valley	First Tuesday in each month.
141.	Efficiency	Frank J. Lawley	M. C. Wright	Hughenden	Monday, on or before full moon.
142.	Ivanhoe	John A. Brodie	H. J. Durkin	98084-115th St., Edmonton	First Monday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park	E. A. Shaw	R. M. Campbell	P. O. Box 63, Jasper	Second Thursday in each month.
144.	Gratton	F. C. Weise	Wm. C. Fuller	c.o. Bank of Montreal, Irma	Monday, on or before full moon.
145.	St. Alban's	W. J. Chester	Dr. O. J. McFadyen	St. Paul	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
146.	Drumheller	Chas. Christiar	C. H. G. Codnar	Drumheller	Third Tuesday in each month.
147.	Northheller	E. J. Martin	S. A. Hulme	Waterhole	Second Thursday in each month.
148.	Mayerthorpe	W. K. Ranton	M. N. Jones	Greencourt	Thursday, on or before full moon.
149.	Rosebud	Geo. N. DeFoe	Jas. W. Dempsey	Rosebud	Second Wednesday in each month.
150.	Donalda	W. E. Porter	J. N. Cony	Donalda	Second Monday in each month.
151.	Locheam	P. C. Routledge	J. F. Gorill	Rocky Mountain House	Second Thursday in each month.
152.	Standard	A. L. Williams	V. E. Barrow	Standard	Third Monday in each month.
UD	Whitecourt	G. M. Crawford	W. A. Drennan	Whitecourt	Tuesday on or after full moon
UD	Sharon	W. F. Hardy		Iron Springs	First Saturday in each month

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1	Bow River.....	295	12	12	11	7	5	4	5	...	6	304	9	...
2	Medicine Hat...	221	9	9	9	5	2	6	4	...	1	226	5	...
3	Alberta.....	92	2	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	91	2	...
4	North Star.....	263	3	3	3	2	3	2	...	...	3	266	3	...
5	Cascade.....	168	7	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	3	175	7	...
6	Spitzie.....	90	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	90	...	...
7	Edmonton.....	297	10	12	11	2	...	4	11	...	5	289	...	8
8	Innisfail.....	93	3	2	2	1	...	3	3	...	2	89	...	4
9	Perfection.....	421	11	14	21	4	1	7	7	...	6	417	...	4
10	Eureka.....	126	2	2	4	4	...	2	...	...	...	130	4	...
11	Acacia.....	197	8	6	6	6	1	2	4	...	2	204	7	...
12	Red Deer.....	144	5	5	2	2	1	1	3	...	2	146	2	...
13	Victoria.....	53	2	3	2	2	1	1	...	...	1	56	3	...
14	Jasper.....	181	5	10	10	1	...	3	...	...	...	184	3	...
15	Wetaskiwin.....	111	4	5	5	3	...	2	1	...	1	114	3	...
16	Mountain View..	65	6	5	3	...	...	1	1	...	1	68	3	...
17	Nanton.....	86	5	5	5	1	2	1	...	...	...	93	7	...
18	Britannia.....	79	1	2	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	81	2	...
19	Cornerstone.....	166	9	10	10	3	...	3	...	...	...	175	9	...
20	Carstairs.....	59	4	5	5	2	1	7	1	...	...	58	...	1
21	King Hiram.....	94	8	6	6	3	...	1	...	...	2	102	8	...
22	Corinthian.....	92	16	16	12	...	...	4	3	...	...	101	9	...
23	Calgary.....	279	1	...	...	5	3	11	6	...	3	268	...	11
24	Vermilion.....	97	4	5	4	6	...	1	2	...	...	104	7	...
25	St. John's.....	89	8	7	7	1	...	4	...	...	1	93	4	...
26	Sentinel.....	72	2	2	2	...	1	1	2	...	...	72	...	...
27	Apollo.....	124	1	1	1	1	...	5	...	...	...	121	...	3
28	Ashlar.....	229	4	4	4	3	...	6	1	...	1	228	...	1
29	Kenilworth.....	121	1	3	3	...	...	3	...	...	2	117	...	4
30	Summit.....	53	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	...	1	51	...	2
31	Doric.....	63	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	65	2	...
32	Cairo.....	71	8	8	5	8	...	3	...	...	...	84	13	...
33	Stavely.....	72	1	1	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	74	2	...
34	Star of the West.	69	5	5	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	77	8	...
35	Mizpah.....	136	6	5	4	3	1	6	7	...	...	133	...	3
36	Gleichen.....	90	4	2	1	...	...	6	2	...	1	85	...	5
37	Camrose.....	94	5	4	4	3	...	4	3	...	2	93	...	1
38	Hope.....	63	...	2	2	2	...	4	5	...	...	56	...	7
39	Lethbridge.....	176	4	4	4	1	...	2	4	...	...	175	...	1
40	Joppa.....	44	3	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	47	3	...
41	King Solomon...	28	2	2	2	...	...	1	2	...	...	27	...	1
42	Bowden.....	46	2	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	49	3	...
43	Tuscan.....	95	1	3	3	5	...	2	3	...	...	98	1	...
44	Buffalo Park....	57	3	6	4	1	...	2	...	...	1	58	1	...

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45	Ionic.....	35	3	1	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	35	...	...
46	Palestine.....	55	1	2	4	2	...	2	...	...	...	56	1	...
47	Chinook.....	44	2	1	1	1	...	2	4	...	1	40	...	4
48	Crossfield.....	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	...	...
49	Robert Burns.....	45	1	2	2	...	...	5	...	...	...	41	...	4
50	Comet.....	39	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	36	...	3
51	Unity.....	436	8	10	12	2	7	10	5	...	1	437	1	...
53	Strathmore.....	93	6	6	6	...	...	3	...	...	1	95	2	...
54	Mount Lebanon.....	255	8	9	8	1	1	5	5	1	2	252	...	3
55	Bassano.....	87	4	4	4	...	...	3	2	...	...	86	...	1
56	Beaver.....	65	4	1	2	4	...	6	4	...	2	61	...	4
57	Grassy Lake.....	35	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	1	...
58	Chief Mountain.....	41	3	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	3	...
59	King George.....	296	19	20	18	6	1	7	5	...	1	309	13	...
60	Acme.....	60	2	2	...	1	...	5	1	...	...	57	...	3
61	Provost.....	67	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	67	...	...
62	Coal.....	34	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	34	...	...
63	Empire.....	165	3	4	3	1	4	4	12	...	1	156	...	9
64	Bow Island.....	80	2	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	1	79	...	1
65	Diamond City.....	31	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	30	...	1
66	St. Andrews.....	49	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	1	...
67	Charity.....	86	2	2	2	4	...	1	3	...	2	86	...	...
68	Edson.....	133	8	8	7	...	1	1	...	...	3	138	5	...
69	Connaught.....	41	3	3	2	1	...	2	...	...	3	40	...	1
70	Quarry.....	51	4	4	4	1	...	2	...	...	...	54	3	...
71	Tawatinaw.....	37	1	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	39	2	...
72	Coronation.....	87	6	9	9	...	...	4	...	...	2	87	...	...
73	Brooks.....	93	8	6	7	4	1	5	3	...	1	97	4	...
74	Vulcan.....	96	...	1	2	2	...	6	4	...	...	88	...	8
75	Harmony.....	55	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	54	...	1
76	Fidelity.....	68	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	62	...	6
77	Strathcona.....	181	6	7	7	6	1	8	7	...	...	179	...	2
78	Hanna.....	97	11	11	9	1	2	5	4	...	...	102	5	...
79	Morning Star.....	39	1	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	39	...	...
80	Excelsior.....	30	3	4	4	...	...	...	2	...	...	31	1	...
81	Commercial.....	192	2	2	2	6	2	5	5	...	...	192	...	...
82	Acadia.....	53	6	6	3	...	...	2	2	...	1	54	1	...
83	Zetland.....	219	6	4	4	12	1	8	...	...	1	219	10	...
84	Champion.....	61	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	1	...
85	Suffield.....	32	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	25	...	7
86	Rocky Mountain.....	61	5	5	4	1	...	...	...	...	1	66	5	...
87	Crescent.....	222	10	14	11	4	...	8	6	...	2	220	...	2
88	Wahpun.....	41	3	6	6	...	...	2	...	...	...	42	1	...
89	Peace River.....	77	...	1	1	...	...	4	...	...	1	72	...	5

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90	Norwood.....	121	3	4	4	...	...	5	5	...	...	114	...	7
91	Patricia.....	410	15	15	16	8	1	9	12	...	6	407	...	3
92	Saskatchewan...	96	5	7	10	2	1	2	1	...	1	100	4	...
93	Symbol.....	218	7	9	9	1	...	1	15	...	1	209	...	9
94	Lamont.....	46	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	47	1	...
95	Kitchener.....	33	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	34	1	...
96	Dynamic.....	48	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	49	1	...
97	Albion.....	27	4	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	29	2	...
98	Hand Hill.....	57	3	3	3	5	2	2	8	...	...	57	...	...
99	Mount Moriah..	19	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	19	...	...
100	Warner.....	32	7	5	5	7	...	1	1	...	...	44	12	...
101	West Edmonton.	104	3	6	5	...	...	2	2	...	1	102	...	2
102	Edgerton.....	41	2	3	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	42	1	...
103	Foremost.....	32	5	5	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	37	5	...
104	Oyen.....	59	3	2	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	60	1	...
105	Grande Prairie..	87	5	5	5	2	2	3	2	...	...	91	4	...
106	Lake Saskatoon.	46	2	1	2	...	...	3	2	...	...	43	...	3
107	Carbon.....	61	5	3	4	2	...	2	1	...	...	65	4	...
108	Pyramid.....	33	1	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	33	...	...
109	Ancient Landmark..	45	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	45	...	...
110	Kilwinning.....	55	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	...	...	45	...	10
111	Nobleford.....	15	7	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	7	...
112	Victory.....	25	4	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	28	3	...
113	Cyprus.....	49	3	4	4	...	...	1	...	1	...	50	1	...
114	Westlock.....	46	2	2	1	9	1	1	...	...	1	56	10	...
115	Crocus.....	36	4	5	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	40	4	...
116	Spirit River....	54	6	2	1	2	...	3	2	...	...	57	3	...
117	Dominion.....	66	4	8	8	1	...	2	2	...	...	67	1	...
118	St. Mark's.....	71	8	8	9	3	...	...	...	...	...	82	11	...
119	York.....	97	5	8	6	...	...	7	...	...	1	94	...	3
120	Monitor.....	49	1	...	1	1	...	2	2	...	...	47	...	2
121	Clive.....	18	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	1	...
122	Rising Sun.....	50	4	8	8	1	...	2	...	...	...	53	3	...
123	Rockyford.....	47	3	4	2	1	...	5	2	...	...	44	...	3
124	Concord.....	93	6	6	6	8	...	1	1	...	...	105	12	...
125	Cavell.....	38	1	3	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	40	2	...
126	Pembina.....	41	3	4	4	...	...	7	...	...	...	37	...	4
127	Granite.....	67	2	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	67	...	...
128	Forestburg.....	38	1	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	37	...	1
129	Meridian.....	37	3	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	39	2	...
130	Hussar.....	31	6	6	7	2	...	3	...	...	1	35	4	...
131	Kitscoty.....	31	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	1	...
132	Craigmyle.....	28	4	2	2	3	1	...	...	...	1	35	7	...

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133	Manyberries.....	24	3	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	26	2	...
134	Renfrew.....	125	5	6	6	4	...	1	5	...	2	126	1	...
135	Alliance.....	27	3	3	3	4	...	1	1	...	...	32	5	...
136	Cresset.....	24	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	2	...
137	Irricana.....	40	2	4	4	2	...	3	...	...	...	41	1	...
138	Onoway.....	20	5	7	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	23	3	...
139	Melrose.....	28	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	1	...
140	Big Valley.....	45	3	3	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	49	4	...
141	Efficiency.....	17	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	1	...
142	Ivanhoe.....	84	4	4	4	10	...	1	1	...	...	96	12	...
143	Jasper Park.....	67	8	10	12	3	...	...	...	...	...	78	11	...
144	Gratton.....	20	4	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	29	9	...
145	St. Alban's.....	39	11	11	10	1	...	3	...	...	1	47	8	...
146	Drumheller.....	41	8	14	14	2	...	1	...	...	...	50	9	...
147	Northland.....	22	2	8	7	...	...	1	...	...	...	23	1	...
148	Mayerthorpe.....	14	5	5	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	21	7	...
U.D.	Rosebud.....	...	8	7	6	13	...	...	...	...	...	21	21	...
U.D.	Donalda.....	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	...
U.D.	Whitecourt.....	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	...
U.D.	Locheam.....	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	27	27	...
		13027	586	621	594	326	56	363	229	4	98	13301	442	162

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GRAND LODGES, WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery.
Alberta.....	J. H. W. S. Kemmis.....	Calgary.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskrue.....	Box J, Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	W. A. DeWolf Smith.....	Box 910, New Westminster.
California.....	John Whicher.....	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada.....	W. M. Logan.....	Hamilton, Ontario.
Chili.....	Augustine I. Palma.....	Casilla No. 2867, Santiago, Chili.
Colorado.....	W. W. Cooper.....	319 Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut.....	George A. Kies.....	Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	George F. Bowden.....	San Jose.
Cuba.....	Dr. Jose F. Castellanos.....	Habana.
Delaware.....	John F. Robinson.....	P.O. Drawer 1227, Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	J. Claude Keiper.....	Masonic Temple, Washington, D.C.
England.....	F. Colville Smith.....	Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen St., London,
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville. [W.C. 2.
Georgia.....	Frank F. Baker.....	Macon.
Guatemala.....	Franz Meindel.....	Guatemala City.
Idaho.....	Curtis F. Pike.....	Boise City.
Illinois.....	Owen Scott.....	Decatur.
Indiana.....	W. H. Swints.....	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis
Iowa.....	C. C. Hunt.....	Masonic Library, Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Henry C. Sheliard.....	Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth St., Dublin.
Italy.....	C. Negis.....	Casella Postale 443, Rome.
Kansas.....	A. K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Fred W. Hardwick.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	John A. Davilla.....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine.....	Chas. B. Davis.....	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	George Cook.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	F. W. Hamilton.....	Boston.
Mexico (York G.L.).....	A. Percival Hughes.....	Mexico City.
Michigan.....	Lou B. Winsor.....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	John Fishel.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Edward L. Faucette.....	Meridian.
Missouri.....	Arthur Mather.....	Masonic Temple, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St.
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Box 896, Helena. [Louis
Nebraska.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	401 Masonic Temple, Omaha
Netherlands.....	A. F. L. Faubel.....	Hague.
Nevada.....	Edward D. Vanderleith.....	437 South Center St., Reno.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	Ritchies' Building, St. John.
New Hampshire.....	H. M. Cheney.....	3 North Main St., Concord.
New Jersey.....	Isaac Cherry.....	Masonic Temple, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New South Wales.....	David Cunningham.....	Masonic Hall, Castlereagh St., Sydney.
New York.....	Robert J. Kenworthy.....	Masonic Hall, New York City.
New Zealand.....	Col. Geo. Barclay.....	P.O. Box 322, Wellington.
North Carolina.....	John H. Anderson.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	James C. Jones.....	Freemasons' Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Harry S. Johnson.....	E. 5th St., Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	Wm. M. Anderson.....	Guthrie.
Oregon.....	D. R. Cheney.....	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	John A. Perry.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Peru.....	Abelardo L. Montes.....	P.O. Box 587, Lima.
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	P.O. Box 990, Manila.
Porto Rico.....	Jose G. Torres.....	San Juan.
Prince Edward Island.....	Ernest Kemp.....	P.O. Box 104, Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	W. W. Williamson.....	P.O. Box 3172, Montreal.
Queensland.....	Chas. H. Harley.....	Masonic Hall, Alice Street, Brisbane.
Rhode Island.....	Harold L. McAuslan.....	Freemasons' Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan.....	W. B. Tate.....	Box 254, Regina.
Scotland.....	T. G. Winning.....	Freemasons' Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh
South Australia.....	Chas. R. J. Glover.....	Freemasons' Hall, Flinders St., Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls.
Sweden.....	Yngve G. Wisin.....	Stockholm.
Tasmania.....	W. H. Strutt.....	117 Macquarie Street, Hobart.
Tennessee.....	Stith M. Cain.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	W. B. Pearson.....	Waco.
Utah.....	S. H. Goodwin.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	H. H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	William Stewart.....	25 Collins Street, Melbourne.
Virginia.....	Jas. M. Clift.....	Masonic Temple, Richmond.
Washington.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Tacoma.
West Australia.....	J. D. Stevenson.....	Perth.
West Virginia.....	Geo. S. Laidley.....	Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	Wm. F. Weiler.....	470 Van Buren St., Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Jos. M. Lowndes.....	Masonic Temple, Casper.

Elected at Its Foundation on the 12th Day of October, 1905, and Annually Thereafter

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LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Andrew Davison (59).

No. 1	Bow River.	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary.	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar.	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon.	Cochrane
No. 53	Strathmore.	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.	Calgary
No. 59	King George.	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.	Calgary
No. 152	Standard	Standard

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Clifford C. Elliott (73)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.	Brooks
No. 85	Suffield.	Suffield
No. 130	Hussar.	Hussar

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Craigen (34)

No. 7	Edmonton.	Edmonton
No. 34	Star of the West	Leduc
No. 44	Buffalo Park.	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.	Tofield
No. 51	Unity.	Edmonton
No. 69	Connaught.	Viking
No. 81	Commercial.	Edmonton
No. 96	Dynamic.	Holden
No. 97	Albion.	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton.	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory.	Jarrow
No. 144	Gratton.	Irma

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. James A. McGhee (21)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey
No. 151	Locheearn.....	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Albert W. Fiske (61)

No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Coal.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Loughheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance
No. 139	Melrose.....	Daysland
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Fred. S. Ditto (33)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely.....	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. James H. Westbrook (119)

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardstone
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris.....	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. James W. Moriash (3)

No. 3	Alberta	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook	Cowley
No. 86	Rocky Mountain	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Good (140)

No. 27	Apollo	Stettler
No. 45	Ionie	Alix
No. 56	Beaver	Castor
No. 72	Coronation	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor	Monitor
No. 121	Clive	Clive
No. 122	Rising Sun	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley	Big Valley
No. 150	Donalda	Donalda

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Harold H. Hacker (25)

No. 11	Acacia	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope	Mannville
No. 63	Empire	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw	Athabasca
No. 90	Norwood	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning	Minburn
No. 117	Dominion	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Albans	St. Paul de Metis

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. William Cawdron (111)

No. 49	Robert Burns	Carmangay
No. 65	Diamond City	Diamond City
No. 74	Vulcan	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset	Barons
U.D.	Sharon	Iron Springs

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. James Hobbs (101)

No. 14	Jasper.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 77	Strathcona.....	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia.....	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton.....	West Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock.....	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina.....	Sangudo
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 138	Onoway.....	Onoway
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
U.D.	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Griffith A. James (105)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River.....	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Waterhole

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. S. Cameron (93)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 99	Mount Moriah.....	Sibbald
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 149	Rosebud.....	Rosebud

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Grainger (60)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 109	Ancient Landmark.....	Mirror
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.

2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?

Answer: The constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.

Proceedings, 1916.

3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?

Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.

4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?

Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.

Proceedings, 1916.

5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.

6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?

Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. The brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a craft lodge.

Proceedings, 1916.

7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?

Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimit by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.

Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.

16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.

Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?

Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.

18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?

Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.

19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?

Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.

20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.

21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., Chairman

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your committee submits reviews of the proceedings of the following jurisdictions for the year 1927:

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| 1. Alabama | 30. New Jersey |
| 2. Arizona | 31. New Mexico |
| 3. Arkansas | 32. New South Wales |
| 4. California | 33. New York |
| 5. Colorado | 34. New Zealand |
| 6. Connecticut | 35. North Carolina |
| 7. Delaware | 36. North Dakota |
| 8. District of Columbia | 37. Ohio |
| 9. England | 38. Oklahoma |
| 10. Florida | 39. Oregon |
| 11. Georgia | 40. Pennsylvania |
| 12. Idaho | 41. Philippine Islands |
| 13. Illinois | 42. Queensland |
| 14. Indiana | 43. Rhode Island |
| 15. Iowa | 44. South Australia |
| 16. Kansas | 45. South Carolina |
| 17. Kentucky | 46. South Dakota |
| 18. Louisiana | 47. Tasmania |
| 19. Maine | 48. Tennessee |
| 20. Maryland | 49. Texas |
| 21. Massachusetts | 50. Utah |
| 22. Michigan | 51. Vermont |
| 23. Minnesota | 52. Virginia |
| 24. Mississippi | 53. Washington |
| 25. Missouri | 54. West Australia |
| 26. Montana | 55. West Virginia |
| 27. Nebraska | 56. Wisconsin |
| 28. Nevada | 57. Wyoming |
| 29. New Hampshire | |

Also reviews of the following jurisdictions for the year 1926:

1. District of Columbia
2. New South Wales
3. Tennessee

The chairman desires to express his continued appreciation of the assistance rendered by the other members of the committee, namely, M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, R.W. Bro. C. V. Bennett, R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay and R.W. Bro. E. D. Crump. We welcome the resumption of labor by R.W. Bro. Crump as an active member of this committee.

Your committee desires to acknowledge gratefully the kindly references that appear in the reviews of our proceedings in the reports

of other Grand Jurisdictions and shall endeavor to continue to merit the sympathy and appreciation of our correspondents abroad and at the same time welcome helpful criticism.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

ALABAMA

The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Alabama held the One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication in Montgomery, December 6th and 7th, 1927, M.W. Bro. Oliver Day Street, Grand Master. Alberta's faithful representative, Bro. Steiner, was again in his place.

In Alabama, the Grand Master's term is for two years, this being the second year for M.W. Bro. Street. His lengthy address is a close analysis of the immediate problems facing Masonry in Alabama, followed in most instances by definite recommendations or edicts covering the matters. A tribute to the keen legal mind he brought to the problems is found in the fact that of his twenty edicts and recommendations, the Jurisprudence Committee passed all but two minor ones.

The following truism is the introduction of his address:

"All the wisdom or knowledge of Masonry is not contained in any one head or number of heads. It often happens that those who are least conspicuous in assemblages like this could offer the most useful suggestions but for the supposition on their part that the talkative ones know it all." And then he proceeds to assure the timid ones that they should not hesitate lest their ideas are not acceptable, as Grand Lodges have been known to reject what is good. Grand Lodge is their's and not the prerogative of a few.

A rather unique series of tables is presented by the Grand Master, in which is analyzed over the past ten years the initiations, passings, raisings, affiliations, dismissions, suspensions, N.P.D., and the reinstatements. Two serious problems are disclosed. First, that in eleven years the suspensions exceeded the reinstatements by 7,202, meaning an annual loss in revenue of \$10,500 to say nothing of the moral loss. The suspensions do not seem to bear any particular relation to the number of members in a given lodge, which leads to the conclusion that they are for the most part due to thoughtlessness on the part of the members and could be largely avoided by a good live secretary. The suggestion is not to let members be suspended unless they are determined to be suspended and not let them remain so unless they are determined to remain so.

The other problem disclosed was that in the period covered some 2,949 Entered Apprentices were not raised and 2,262 were not passed. The failure to advance appeared to be due to the negligence of the lodge in not teaching the candidates the lessons of the degrees, and the fact that many candidates were unable to be present when the instruction was given. The remedy proposed was that in large temples some competent brother could be paid to be present during the day and evening to give instruction to any candidates of member lodges. Special classes for these delinquent candidates have proven successful.

Among dispensations requested were two for "death-bed" re-instatements out of proper time which were rightfully refused. A dispensation granted waiving proficiency in the work of the several degrees on the part of a candidate who "had not and apparently could not learn it, provided the lodge was of the opinion that his failure was

not due to indolence or indifference nor to a lack of intelligence," raises a question. Is one who is incapable of memorizing a few sentences of ritual, likely to absorb anything as subtle as symbolic teachings? Will Freemasonry imprint anything upon his mind?

The representative of the Grand Master refused to lay the corner stone of a public school when he discovered that it was merely a thin slab. Many such insults are offered our honorable Craft in every section of the land, and all will agree with the principle of the edict adopted by Grand Lodge, "No corner stone shall be laid with Masonic ceremonies after the erection of the building has proceeded so far that it cannot be lowered perpendicularly into the proper position in the manner prescribed by our ritual."

What is in a name? It is hard to understand the significance of some lodge names, there being neither imagination, euphony nor Masonic connection in many of them. Brother Street issued the following edict: "That no lodge shall be named for any person still living, and that the name selected shall have either ethical, moral, poetical, historical or Masonic signification."

In reply to the questions, "Is the Masonic Fraternity a religious organization," and "Can a man live as an upright Mason and not be a Christian," the following replies are recorded in the address: "The Masonic Fraternity is not a religious organization, though there is no doubt that it is imbued with a religious spirit. When I say religious, I do not mean it as any denomination, sect or special creed. Ancient Craft Masonry certainly did not require belief in more than one religious dogma, and that is a belief in Deity. Any man, whether he be Christian, Mohammedan, Parsee, Buddhist, or Brahman, can be admitted to Masonry because all these religions require a belief in Deity. A man can certainly live as an upright Mason, fulfill all his obligations as a Mason and not be a Christian. The presence among us of thousands of Jewish Masons is proof of the correctness of this. Apparently the original purpose of Freemasonry was to find a common ground for association together of good men and true who differed on matters of religion."

A resolution was adopted enabling a Worshipful Master to close his lodge in the several degrees by one declaration when the lateness of the hour and the fatigue of the brethren, and his sound judgment warrant it. Alberta is in need of some such enactment. The reviewer sat in a crowded lodge room recently on a very hot night from eight o'clock until twelve forty a.m., listening to two Masonic trials, and after all that strain there was no way out, legally, but to close down in full form in the three degrees.

Rather a tribute was paid personally to M.W. Bro. Street and to a book which should be in every humble Masonic library, when Grand Lodge adopted a resolution directing constituent lodges to procure copies of "Symbolism of Freemasonry" by Street and present same to every Master Mason upon being raised.

Number of lodges, 582. Membership, 54,266. Loss, 272.
Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James M. Pearson.

V.H.M.

ARIZONA

Forty-fifth Annual Communication held in the City of Phoenix, February 8th to 10th, 1927.

In the East, M.W. Bro. Nelson C. Bledsoe, Grand Master.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports Masonry in Arizona progressing and growing steadily. He records an itinerary of five

thousand miles by automobile in visitation work, a record to be proud of in a country, like our own, of "magnificent distances."

Fraternal representation at the meeting of the Grand Lodge Pacific de Mexico is noted and the Grand Master remarks, "I firmly believe that Masonry in Mexico will be the dominant power that will lead the masses of the people to a better understanding of the people of the United States and cement a closer friendship among them."

He notes several clandestine lodges operating in the State under charters from Grand Lodges of Mexico not recognized by Arizona. He comments too, that the recognized Grand Lodge—Pacific de Mexico—is doing all it can to fight this invasion of jurisdiction.

He recommends continued membership in "The Masonic Service Association."

He makes a suggestion which we think is sound on the question of the Burial Service.

"The question has arisen whether it is necessary in all cases to open a lodge before conducting a funeral. I believe it would be good sense to conduct a funeral at a mortuary chapel or church without opening the lodge.

"If the funeral is to be at the lodge rooms, by all means open lodge first."

There are full and favorable reports of the work of The Masonic Service Association and the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

The report contains a very thoughtful address by W. Bro. James R. Malott, entitled "Why Masonry," and attempting to answer the questionings of "a dissatisfied brother." W. Bro. Malott's points are well taken but in our humble opinion he merely defends the ideal of Masonry to intellectuals who love the ideal for its own sake. To the brother who sees forceful service organizations of one kind or another hard at work about him, doing the big things he sees, feels and admires and then turns to his lodge to see the "miserable pittance" from his dues turned to benevolent purposes, we must sympathise with his doubts. It is a grave question in the mind of the reviewer whether an oration or explanation, even when as ably presented as W. Bro. Malott's undoubtedly is, will answer satisfactorily to the vast army of average Master Masons the rising tide of doubt and the growing query: "Is Freemasonry by modern standards justifying by performance its wide pretensions?"

The full text of a very beautiful burial service is printed in the report.

The usual statistical tables complete a document replete with interest to the brethren of Arizona and with many a point to stir the thinking powers of Craftsmen everywhere.

Number of lodges, 36. Membership, 6,083.

George E. McMillan, Jerome, Grand Master.

George J. Roskougge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

A.M.M.

ARKANSAS, 1927

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Arkansas met for its Eighty-sixth Communication, in the City of Little Rock, on Tuesday the 15th day of November, 1927.

M.W. Bro. Kent, Grand Master, presided. He tells us in his address that one of his first acts as Grand Master was to issue a circular letter to all the subordinate lodges advising them that the method

adopted by many lodges of making Honorary Members was illegal. This method was to make laws so that when a member reached a certain age or when he had paid dues for a specified number of years or perhaps had served as Master, then he would become an honorary member and dues to the Grand Lodge and the assessment for the Masonic Home would cease.

So many active members were being made into honorary members as to seriously effect the income of both the Grand Lodge and the Home. To meet the difficulty the Constitution of Grand Lodge was changed so that honorary as well as active members must pay dues to the Home and Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage dealt rather hardly with the decisions and recommendations of the Grand Master.

One lodge evidently does not intend to let its members get very far in arrears in payment of dues, for it was suspending members who did not pay in advance. The Grand Master calls this "one of our most prosperous lodges." Perhaps this is the reason it is so prosperous. However, he ruled "No lodge in this State has the right to suspend a brother for non-payment of dues until the end of the year had passed." To this the Committee agreed. The other decision the Committee disapproved. He ruled, "Whenever the majority of the members present elect any brother to the station of Warden or Master he may be installed without regard to section 318." This section provides that before a Warden or Master can be installed he must pass an examination in open lodge as to his proficiency in the work. The Grand Master gave as his reason, "that practically all our lodges ignore this particular section, and do not require even a superficial examination before installation." We think the Committee is right. The fact that other lodges fail to keep the law is no excuse. Better repeal the law. With his recommendations the Grand Master did not get even a fifty-fifty break with the Committee.

His first recommendation was that the law be amended so that in the temporary or permanent absence from the jurisdiction of the three principal officers a Past Master could open the lodge.

He was asked for a dispensation to permit a Past Master to open a lodge for the Master and Wardens had permanently removed out of the jurisdiction and the lodge could not be opened. He gave a dispensation to a Past Master of the lodge and also included in the dispensation the names of the Deputy Grand Master, an honorary member, and the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the lodge was situated. The committee disapproved of the recommendation for the change in the law and also disapproved of the Grand Master issuing the dispensation.

The Committee does not offer any plan to overcome the trouble and we wonder in what other way the Grand Master could have acted. He probably could have opened the lodge himself. We suppose he has that inherent power. Then if he could open the lodge why can he not delegate that power to a deputy?

The Grand Master recommended that the law be amended so as to open the door a little wider to allow some who are suffering from some physical defect to enter. The Committee disapproved. A member of Grand Lodge offered a resolution that the question of admitting defects be left with the lodges. This was referred to this committee, who brought in a report disapproving. Then a Past Grand Master offered a resolution on the matter which was passed. The resolution was to the effect that subordinate lodges can receive applications from candidates suffering from some physical defect and if acceptable then

such lodge may make a favorable recommendation to the Grand Master and he may then issue a dispensation permitting the lodge to accept the application in the regular manner and confer the degrees. Many jurisdictions have settled this vexed question by ruling that a candidate is eligible who can, even with artificial help, conform to our signs and ceremonies.

This jurisdiction suffered greatly in the Mississippi flood. It joined with the Grand Lodges in the other States affected and formed a General Board for Relief. Arkansas Masons received \$116,579.25 to cover losses estimated at \$483,600.00.

This Grand Lodge has a Tuberculosis Sanitarium for children affected with this disease and so could not join the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria in New Mexico, the Finance Committee reported.

Dispensations were issued to form three new lodges.

A new Closing Ode was adopted called, "The Masonic Mizpah." It is a changed version of the hymn "God be with us till we meet again."

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage made what might be called a peculiar ruling. A candidate was rejected in Boone Lodge and according to the Masonic Law in this state retains jurisdiction over rejected material for three years. Within that time this candidate made application to Griffithville Lodge, was accepted and received the degrees. The committee held that not only should Griffithville lodge turn over the fee, but the candidate as well. So we now have this peculiar situation, a candidate who was rejected is now by the decision of the committee made a member of that lodge and entitled to all the rights, benefits, etc. It seems to us that the wiser course would have been to have left the candidate in Griffithville Lodge and imposed some other penalty and then a member would not have been forced into a lodge that did not want him and no doubt he did not want to go.

We want to congratulate the Grand Secretary, Bro. Fay Hempstead, on passing his eightieth birthday and wish him very many happy returns of the day. An invitation was extended to Grand Lodge to attend a Birthday Party which his lodge was to give him on November 28th, 1927. The Grand Lodge gave the Grand Secretary a birthday gift of an additional sum of \$25.00 monthly to his salary. During the year Bro. Hempstead did not only the work of his office, but, owing to the Grand Master being in such a bad state of health, did much of the routine work of the Grand Master's office. This the Grand Master tells us when he expressed his appreciation for what Bro. Hempstead did for him.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence.

Total number of lodges, including three under dispensation, 559.

Total membership, 38,606. Gain for the year, 530.

Hunter D. Bowers was elected M.W. Grand Master.

Fay Hempstead was re-elected R.W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

CALIFORNIA

The Seventy-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was held in the City of San Francisco on Tuesday, October 11, A.L. 5927. M.W. Bro. George L. Jones, Grand Master, presided. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The address of the Grand Master is written in a pleasing and interesting style and discloses a keen mind and sympathetic heart. One feels in reading his address that he had the welfare of the Craft very much in his thoughts and sympathies during his term of office.

His report of the general condition of Masonry in California is outlined in the following quotation:

"It is a matter of unlimited satisfaction to be able to report that the general condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction continues good. Peace and harmony have marked the activities of the year, and from the report of the Grand Secretary, you will note the increase in membership and in new lodges. The remarkable growth of Masonry of late years means that the Fraternity is far from the point of stagnation, but what its ultimate effect will be, it is yet too early to determine. If we could be but convinced that we have been making Masons in heart as well as in name, then we could rightfully boast of our augmented rolls of membership and feel that the influx has been for the strengthening and upbuilding of our Institution."

Further on he states the reason for the existence of Masonic lodges:

"It is apparent that some of our lodges have lost sight of the genius of Masonry and the reason for their existence, which is to unite and bring to their service a world-wide fraternity of free men, whose mission it is to make men friends, to refine and exalt their lives, to uphold every noble and redeeming ideal of humanity, 'teaching the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the moral law, the Golden Rule, and the hope of a life everlasting'."

Indicative of the growth of Masonry in this jurisdiction was the fact that 22 new lodges were constituted by Grand Master Jones early in his year of office.

Referring to the Masonic Club House at the University of California at Berkeley, the Grand Master said:

"Our Clubhouse at Berkeley continues to be an important factor in the college life of hundreds of students of Masonic connections. It is meeting the need expressed in the report of a committee headed by Brother Wm. H. Waste, that we must have at Berkeley a home or Clubhouse—with facilities for social entertainment, quiet retirement and relaxation from the whirl of campus activity, and above all, a place where the homesick, lonesome and discouraged student may find the words of consolation or advice he or she so much craves. It is the means of bringing together Masons and the sons and daughters of Masons who are connected with the University and who might not otherwise have the opportunity of mingling with each other and forming friendships. It furnishes the centre of Masonic activities in the life of that great institution of learning, the University of California, and there is no Mason who has any knowledge of what this Clubhouse means in the College careers of the multitude of students who will ever regret the money that has been expended in its construction or begrudge the small per capita, now less than ten cents annually, necessary to maintain it."

A similar club for the University of California at Los Angeles has been suggested and the project is receiving sympathetic consideration and support from the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master recommends that in the matter of physical qualifications of candidates the Grand Lodge should lay down a definite policy so that uniformity of action might prevail throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Master made six decisions or rulings but all related to purely local questions. On the question of Masonic organizations engaging in politics the Grand Master warned against such a course. We quote:

"The Old Charges of 1722 wisely laid down the proposition that we 'are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the

welfare of the lodge, nor ever will,' are good law today, and the Grand Lodge of California has repeatedly affirmed that proposition and in strong terms decreed against any participation of Masons as Masons in the political affairs of the country or any subdivision thereof."

Under the heading of Masonic Education the Grand Master ventures the opinion that "the need of greater knowledge on the part of Masons and particularly on the newly-made Mason, of the history, the symbols, the teachings of Masonry, of its aims and objects, is imperative, and, in Masonic education may be found a force to effectually combat those influences which are today threatening to make of Masonry a jazz-loving, Sunday-picknicing society."

It would appear from the Grand Master's remarks in regard to entertainments in lodges or following lodge meetings that questionable forms of entertainment are in use and that this constitutes a menace to the Craft.

The Grand Master recommended strict enforcement of section 192 of the Constitution providing for proceedings against Masons convicted of crime and said it was the imperative duty of the Junior Warden of the lodge having jurisdiction of such a Mason to bring him to trial, to the end that if the conviction in the court was justified, "the criminal should find no abiding place in Freemasonry."

The final admonition of the Grand Master was to "Keep Masonry Clean" and his whole address is permeated with this intense desire for the highest standards in the Masonic Fraternity.

The Grand Secretary in his report recommends a policy of refusing to confer courtesy degrees upon men who actually hold legal residence within our jurisdiction, except when proper reasons may be shown why the candidate should remain a member of the requesting lodge.

The Masons of California contributed for flood relief \$33,879.70.

V.W. Bro. John Whicher was elected Grand Secretary for the twentieth time and was given a cordial expression of the satisfaction and gratification of Grand Lodge upon the splendid manner in which he had conducted his office throughout that period.

The Grand Lecturer reported the formation of twelve new lodges during 1927, most of them being in the Southern part of the state. He also reported peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction and all the lodges functioning in a successful manner.

Fraternal recognition was granted to the Grand Lodge of Vienna and the National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

A very interesting report was presented by the Board of Control which appears to have charge and general supervision over the Boards of Relief which are located at San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Fresno, San Jose, Richmond, San Diego, Bakersfield, Pasadena, Long Beach and Honolulu. The report of this Board will be very helpful and informative to all brethren who are in any way interested in work of Boards of Relief or of Employment Bureaus connected therewith. On page 625 of the proceedings is a summary by Dr. Bloch of his survey of the Los Angeles Employment Bureau which is full of helpful suggestions.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented on the topical plan by Bro. Jesse M. Whited, this being his seventh report. The head noted of Bro. Whited's topics give the gist

of his relative observations and reflections and are supported and illustrated by citations from the various jurisdictions where the point involved has arisen.

Total membership 129,309. Net gain, 6,897.

M.W. Bro. Will H. Fascher, Los Angeles, Grand Master.

V.W. Bro. John Whicher, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

COLORADO, 1927

Sixty-seventh Annual Communication, September 20th and 21st, Denver.

Bro. Frank J. Reinhard, Grand Master.

Bro. William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary.

Number of lodges, 147. Total membership, 32,729. Gain, 603.

Thirteen Special Communications were held during the year, chiefly for the purpose of laying the corner stones on Masonic Temples and public buildings.

Representatives were present from 139 of the 147 chartered lodges. Alberta was represented by Bro. William S. Pickerill.

The Grand Master was called upon to note the death of two Past Grand Masters. Fifty dispensations had been granted, the great majority being for permission to examine and ballot at an hour other than that fixed by the lodge by-laws. Dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions for the degrees at Special Communications, requested because of the failure of the investigating committee to report, were refused. The Grand Master took occasion to warn all Masonic organizations in the State against solicitation. The attention of the brethren was called to two instances of Masonic advertising, and the suggestion made that such a practice would constitute grounds for charges of un-Masonic conduct. A word of caution was given in regard to precipitate action in attempting to build Masonic Temples before lodges are in a strong financial position.

Four matters occupied the attention of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

The sum of \$6,359.79 was expended on relief.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence consists of three members, of whom Bro. Stanley C. Warner is chairman. The Proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges are reviewed. Alberta seems to have failed to catch their attention.

C.V.B.

CONNECTICUT

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Hartford, on February the 2nd and 3rd, A.D. 1927. M.W. Bro. Arthur N. Nash presiding.

Representatives of thirty-four other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut were present but Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master's address, comprising over eighty pages, is a comprehensive record of his official acts and is largely statistical.

Among the decisions rendered, the following are worthy of note:

1. Is a lodge within its rights in adopting a resolution making an assessment of \$50.00 per member the proceeds of which are to be used exclusively for the erection and equipment of a new Masonic Temple?

The Grand Master decided this question in the negative and based his decision on certain provisions in the Grand Lodge rules and regulations.

2. Can a lodge rent its rooms, including the room dedicated to Masonic uses, for other purposes, including cards, dancing, entertainments, etc.?

The Grand Master answered in the affirmative.

3. Can a lodge vote an increase in dues and make the same retroactive to January 1st of the same year?

The Grand Master decided in the affirmative. This decision was not approved by Grand Lodge.

A considerable proportion of the Grand Master's address is devoted to reports on the proceedings of the Masonic Service Association, the Conference of Grand Masters and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Sympathetic reference was also made to the Florida disaster. The Masons of Connecticut made generous contribution to the relief of their Masonic brethren in Florida who suffered from this terrible hurricane.

Grand Master Sweet approves of the Order of DeMolay for boys and the Order of Rainbow for girls.

A new form of questionnaire for the use of investigating Committees was approved by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary's report indicates that the finances of the jurisdiction are in good condition but points out the need for simpler and more effective business methods in the administration thereof owing to the great increase in recent years of the membership in the Craft and consequently the increased receipts and expenditures.

The review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges was presented by M.W. Bro. George A. Kies, P.G.M., being his fourteenth annual review, and Alberta received sympathetic consideration.

Total membership, 45,109. Net gain, 943.

M.W. Bro. Theodore Foster Chester, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. George A. Kies, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

DELAWARE

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Wilmington, October 5th and 6th, 1927. Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Galbraith, presided.

No less than eighteen Past Grand Master of the jurisdiction were in attendance as well as one Past D.G.M., twelve P.S.G. Wardens, eight P.J.G. Wardens and three P.G. Treasurers. Delaware seems to have the art of retaining the interest of their Past Grand Officers.

Alberta was not represented and on turning the pages I found the reason, much to my regret, P.G.M. M.W. Bro. George B. Hynson had passed away on December 5, 1926. He was Grand Master of

Masons in Delaware in 1917-1919 and was a member and Past Master of Temple Lodge No. 9, Milford, Delaware, a lodge which dates from 1815. He was the author of Delaware's "State Song," "Our Delaware" which was so endorsed by the State Assembly. It was an honor to Alberta to be represented by such a distinguished Craftsman and citizen. His successor as Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Delaware is a member and Past Master of the same lodge, R.W. Bro. Walter L. Grier. I was interested to note that there are seven of that name, members in Temple Lodge.

This Grand Lodge also deplores the loss of another esteemed P.G.M. in M.W. Bro. J. Paul Lukens, Grand Master in 1896. He was also Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Masonic Home since it was first established, giving much of his time to the work. Excellent portraits of both these M.W. Brethren are printed in the proceedings.

The Grand Master officially visited each of the twenty-two lodges of the jurisdiction, accompanied by his Grand Officers and was much impressed with the interest and active spirit shown. On one of these visits, to Temple Lodge No. 9, he found a portrait of M.W. Bro. Jesse Green, the second Grand Master of Delaware, who ruled Grand Lodge 1809-10-11, and also the first W.M. of Temple Lodge. The Grand Master gives a short account of this worthy brother's life and also that of another ancient brother, Judge Willard Hall, who was Grand Master in 1817-18, whose likeness in crayon he found. Both these old P.G.M.'s were prominent public spirited citizens who gave good service to their country and their community and were widely known, respected and honored by their fellow citizens as well as by the Masonic Fraternity. It would be well worth while if some of our own brethren would bear in mind the interest that such old portraits, photographs and documents have and endeavor to secure copies or the originals for the Grand Lodge records or for their own lodges.

Under the heading of Dispensations Refused, we note the Grand Master refused to grant a dispensation to a lodge to advance the time of regular meeting one hour. I presume this means just one particular regular meeting. No doubt the Grand Master was right. The date and time of the regular meeting should never be changed just to suit some special circumstance which probably is more fancied than real.

The Grand Master acted quickly and generously when the call came for assistance from the sufferers in the great Mississippi floods last year, a donation of \$600.00 being sent immediately, followed by a cheque for \$2,200.60, as the result of his request for donations from the lodges, or a total of \$2,800.60. A fine response.

One "Decision" is recorded. It appears that the Grand Lodge of Delaware authorized a "per capita" assessment of \$15.00 to be made for the construction of an addition to their Masonic Home. A lodge questioned the legality of classifying such assessment as "dues" against members who have not paid and if they could be legally summoned and dealt with as delinquents. The Grand Master says, "An assessment made by the Grand Lodge gives a constituent lodge power to assess its members the amount required if there is no other way to finance the payment."

"The Grand Lodge supercedes Lodge law and each Master Mason has obligated himself to obey Grand Lodge law and if a member does not answer a summons, he may, after a trial and conviction be suspended for disobeying same and violating his obligation."

One wonders what would happen in our own jurisdiction if Grand Lodge was under the necessity of making an assessment like that,

for the Grand Master was right, it shows the heavy expenditure necessary when large ventures are made, and the difficulty of meeting it.

The Grand Master in the concluding paragraphs of his address answers the question, "What is to be the future of the Craft?" in part, thus: "If, therefore, our your men are to serve Freemasonry . . . they must be taught what Freemasonry is, whence it came, what it brought to us from the remote past, and what it is trying to accomplish, so we can apply its spirit and teaching to the problems of the day. The future of Freemasonry lies in the bringing of the wisdom of the past to the service of the present . . . showing in the quality of our private lives and by public service what Freemasonry means and if rightly understood the kind of citizen it produces." He preceded these remarks by pointing out that Masonry must progress with the times and adapt itself to the demands of the age. And so it can, but the teaching must be thorough, the understanding complete, or we will stray from the bounds of our Ancient Landmarks; the half educated member is often a menace, not a helper.

This Grand Lodge, with only twenty-two constituent lodges, maintains a Masonic Home in which the investment is \$198,245.95. There are sixty-one guests in the Home. The total membership of the jurisdiction, as for June 24, 1927, is 6,010 Master Masons. They maintain a Scholarship Fund, Relief Fund and other expenses. Like the donation to the Mississippi flood victims, the Masons of Delaware are doing much and generously in this work of the Craft.

The report on Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Day, covering the proceedings of sixty-eight Grand Lodges. There should have been sixty-nine, but Alberta's failed to reach his desk in time. His report is full and the excerpts he has made are always interesting.

M.W. Bro. Weldon C. Waples, Grand Master, Milton, Delaware.

R.W. Bro. John F. Robinson, Grand Secretary, Wilmington, Delaware.

J.H.W.S.K.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1926

The 116th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was held at Washington, D.C., on December 15, 1927. The Grand Master, Bro. Sydney R. Jacobs, presided.

No less than sixteen Past Grand Masters were welcomed by the Grand Master and the Association of Worshipful Masters for 1926 were admitted in a body and also accorded a welcome by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master commences his address by expressing his gratification at finding so many brethren ready and willing to serve, and the serious manner in which they performed the work allotted to them, this being especially true of those charged with the administration of the affairs of the lodges. I think that is true, the genuine lover of the Craft delights in being set to work.

The Grand Master considers from the returns made to the Grand Secretary's office, that the condition of Masonry in the jurisdiction is good, though the number dropped seems large. He regards this as the result of the unsettled times of war and post war periods. Financially the standing of the lodges is good, their combined assets amount-

ing to \$857,625.19, a gain of \$12,352.18 over the previous year. The number of members is shown to be 22,993.

The Grand Master made the usual Grand Visitations required of him, together with his staff and also found time to visit each lodge informally at least once during his term of office. He was fortunate in having few requests for dispensations, having wisely intimated that such requests should be reduced to a minimum and that the reasons upon which the request was based should be clearly indicated. There were no decisions rendered, all questions being covered by the provisions of the Code.

He constituted one lodge and granted a dispensation for the formation of another, to be known as "Justice Lodge." Two corner stones were laid, at both ceremonies there being large gatherings of people and the Grand Master was gratified with the interest shown in the proceedings.

He recommended the adoption of the sane plan of transfer of membership that we now employ. The plan was discussed by the Conference of Grand Masters at Chicago and favorably recommended to the consideration of Grand Jurisdictions, being that a member need not sever his connection with his lodge until he is accepted in the one he proposes to join.

"Temple Heights" still remains a problem to be worked out. The Grand Master gave much time and consideration to this question which involves the raising of large sums of money to pay for the site and building upon it will require a great deal more. However, I believe the District of Columbia will eventually work out their problem successfully as they have men who can solve the difficulties.

Their "Home" is progressing, the new Children's Building is nearly completed, the approximate total cost being \$135,000, which is nearly all paid for. There are fifty-two children in the Home.

Their Masonic Relief Association and St. John's Mite Association come in for warm commendation for the quiet unostentatious work they are doing.

The Grand Master mentions Masonic Clubs with approval, "In our jurisdiction, at least, the movement for the formation of Masonic Clubs had its origin in the natural desire of our brethren in the several departments of the Government to establish an organization by means of which they might be mutually helpful to one another." Perhaps it is because as the Grand Master says, "We have been fortunate in that the leaders of our several clubs have as a general rule, kept in mind a proper distinction between lodge and club activities, and they have worked earnestly along lines which have met with the approval of our Grand Lodge," they have not been so accepted and approved in some other jurisdictions. Clubs are not always to be controlled and may do things that fail to meet with the approval of lodges or Grand Lodges.

This Grand Jurisdiction is much interested in the success of that great Masonic enterprise, the Washington Memorial, which is being supported as a nation-wide undertaking by the Masons of the United States.

Mention is made of the Florida hurricane and the severe losses sustained. The Grand Master sent \$500.00 from Grand Lodge, the lodges contributed \$556.16, making a total of \$1,056.16.

The Report of the Committee on Grievances is a model. It conveys all the information necessary without informing all and sundry just who the delinquent was and what his offence might be, nor can

he be traced to the Lodge Roster as there is no list. We might well do the same.

A resolution was moved and adopted, "That no new lodge in this jurisdiction shall be named for a living Mason, nor for one who has not rendered conspicuous service to a Grand Lodge or to one of its constituent lodges." This should be in every Constitution.

The Report on Correspondence by M.W. Bro. Baird, P.G.M., is as we have become used to expecting, a comprehensive review of the Masonic world, very readable and interesting. Bro. Baird has very strong opinions, and does not hesitate to express them. This scribe owes the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and Bro. Baird an apology as this report should have appeared in our Proceedings for 1927.

The year of Grand Master Carruthers, 1926, is reviewed in over a page of extracts, quotations and comments. He likes the method of reporting on our Beneficiaries, whose names are not printed. We think likewise; publicity does more harm than good in many cases.

Gratz E. Dunkum, Grand Master.

J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary, Washington, D.C.

J.H.W.S.K.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1927

The 117th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Washington, D.C., on December 21, 1927. M.W. Bro. Gratz E. Dunkum, Grand Master.

A distinguished gathering of Past Grand Masters, twelve of whom were present, together with the Grand Masters of Maryland and Delaware, also Junior Grand Warden of Delaware, a Past Grand Master of South Carolina and the Senior Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Roumania, were present.

The Grand Master's address is remarkable for the clear concise, yet comprehensive review of the year's work which he has presented therein. His comments convey the impression that no part of the many branches of Grand Lodge activities escaped his notice, while the general welfare of the lodges and their problems received close attention.

In his opening remarks he says, with regard to the many problems that came before him: "It has been my earnest desire to make all decisions with regard to them with an eye single to the welfare of our Fraternity, not for the advantage of any branch or rite, but for the entire Fraternity." Then again he says: "As the supreme authority in any Masonic Jurisdiction, it is fundamental that the Grand Lodge shall have the ultimate and final decision on all matters affecting the welfare of the Fraternity within it."

It is well that occasionally a Grand Master reminds us of this truth, that Grand Lodge and the Grand Master rule the Craft, the whole body of Masonry within the boundaries of their jurisdiction.

He found the condition of Masonry in the District of Columbia a matter for "sincere congratulation . . . the utmost harmony prevails . . . our lodges are prosperous and ready to respond to any appeal either for work or funds made upon them." He does not regard with any concern the apparent falling off in numbers of petitioners for the degrees as compared with previous years. He believes that those who do apply are men of the right type who will bring

added strength to the Order and not be a drag upon its efforts. However, he is very much concerned over the large number who are dropped annually for N.P.D., 493 out of a total membership of 23,264. He says, "I know of no instance in all my connection with Masonry where a brother was dropped because of his inability to make payment." He hopes a remedy may be found when the membership is educated to "realize what it means to have their names dropped from the lodge roll and the damage done to their business reputation through this action and the resulting publicity which our regulation now requires." While much to be regretted, this winnowing process goes on all the time and it is the nature of our Institution that to be a Mason one must have it in him even before he becomes a member. Quite naturally those who are unable to appreciate its benefits find it easy to drop out. However, the Grand Master is hopeful that a remedy can be applied. In the next paragraph or so he proves himself a Mason in that he speaks of the very evident pleasure the presence of the Grand Master gave at several Masonic functions he attended, and "which constituted ample compensation for whatever sacrifice of time and effort was involved." Masonry means giving, not getting.

Under Dispensations, the Grand Master recommended that the number of candidates who may receive the degrees at one time be increased to seven; he found requests for dispensations to confer the degrees on more than the constitutional number very numerous. The number was originally three, in 1903 it was increased to five, and now it is seven. I think they will come back again and ask for more and it's a pity in my opinion to confer the degrees on "classes." I am old fashioned enough to think that "one" is the best number yet; and also that we are in too much of a hurry to "put a candidate through." Maybe this is one cause for some of the dropping out.

Two "Decisions" which the Grand Master made he reported to Grand Lodge for action, the first one referred to the exemption of a lodge from dues to the Grand Lodge in the cases of brethren confined to asylums from whom the lodges receive no dues. The Grand Master held that no exemption was authorized by Grand Lodge Constitution except in the case of clergymen from whom no dues had been received. He adds, "I do not believe it is practicable or desirable to provide exemption in the cases of brethren whose dues are remitted either because of illness or inability to pay their dues, as a matter of fact the number of brethren of our Fraternity who are mentally incapacitated is so small as to make the question one of comparatively little importance."

The other was a question as to the regularity of receiving petitions at a Special Communication of a lodge. The Grand Master in the absence of any decision by Grand Lodge on this point, decided that "It was not good policy, neither has it been the practice to receive petitions at Special Communications and advised the Master of the lodge proposing to take such action that in view of all the circumstances the receipt of petitions should be deferred until the next stated communication of his lodge."

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved of these decisions but found little reason to propose any amendment to the Constitution to cover the second case and Grand Lodge concurred.

This jurisdiction has a custom, which entails a certain amount of hard work and a great deal of inconvenience, one would think on the Grand Master and his officers, who together officially visit each lodge in the jurisdiction. At least one or two Grand Masters tried to make a change, but the brethren won't forgo the pleasure of seeing

their Grand Officers. This year the Grand Master stipulated that where three visitations are made in one evening, at least two of them must be held jointly. It worked out well and the Grand Master sees no reason why three or more lodges should not unite to receive the Grand Lodge officers and derive a great deal of benefit from the social meeting of the members of different lodges.

The Grand Master laid the corner stone of a church in the city, convening Grand Lodge for the purpose and apparently investing the ceremony with all the dignity a public appearance of the Order calls for, for he remarks on the "very marked appreciation which is always evidenced by those for whom the service is performed and especially so in the case of church congregations." This is true, the greatest effort that man puts forth is to build a house—a monument. He thus gives expression of himself in material of lasting form; that effort has taken much time, much thought and planning and many difficulties have been overcome. Therefore the commencement of the building is marked by fitting ceremonial and if we are requested, we should give evidence of our appreciation of the success of their labors by sending our most distinguished officers to perform the ceremony in the most impressive manner; my brother scribe of Tennessee to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Grand Master, at a Stated Communication of Grand Lodge held earlier in the year, presented a "Financial Program, consisting of a carefully thought out plan for the completion of the purchase of Temple Heights" and the building of a temple or units of a temple building on the grounds. In working out this program he points out that the basic ideals and principles under which subscriptions were made, have been strictly adhered to. A very important thing in the carrying out of any enterprise, which depends on donations for success. His program was approved by Grand Lodge by a most substantial majority.

He remarks on the efficiency of their School of Instruction and the good work it is doing. I notice the Committee reporting on the Grand Lecturer's work is careful to uphold the right and prerogative of the W.M. to freely appoint his temporary officers and committees, a regulation having been passed and in force respecting "Instructors Certificates" which appeared to limit that power, they recommended be repealed, and a new regulation adopted which clearly states the Master must ask, in writing, for such examination and certify that the brothers concerned have been found proficient enough to warrant such examination. We may stray for a time but we have to get back to the old usages in the end.

He was instrumental in reorganizing the Employment Bureau, making it more effective. He looked into the working of the Masonic Board of Relief and found that of the two representatives appointed by each lodge, only a few perform the duties required and expected of them. With the co-operation of the officers he made plans whereby every representative is assigned certain dates to be on duty and he asked Grand Lodge to direct the Board to notify the Masters of lodges of all absenteeism on the part of the representatives, it being the duty of the Master to make due inquiry as to the reason for their failure. That's keeping them up to the mark.

The disastrous floods in the Mississippi lower reaches last year met with immediate action by the Grand Master, who at once forwarded a cheque for \$500.00 and later requested the lodges to donate towards the relief of the sufferers, indicating that ten cents per capita would be appropriate. The ready response was most gratifying, the combined amounts received from the jurisdiction being over \$5,000.00.

The amount contributed by the Fraternity in the United States was over \$600,000.00.

He attended the conference of Grand Masters last year, held in the City of Washington, D.C. and believes that these conferences are of great value and will result in much good to the Craft.

Under Masonic auspices, Divine Services were held in the open under the chestnut trees of Temple Heights during the summer months, being non-sectarian in character. There were large congregations, one of the services being attended by President and Mrs. Coolidge.

The Jurisprudence Committee had an interesting matter in the case of the By-laws of a new constituted lodge, on which to report. Apparently one of their proposed by-laws was struck out by the Committee on By-laws and was then referred to this Committee. The By-law was as follows:

"A Master Mason who is a member in good standing in a lodge in another jurisdiction, and who is a resident of the District of Columbia, may be elected to the Permanent Visitor's List, which is hereby established. A brother proposed for such election must be nominated in writing by at least two members of the lodge and the nomination shall lay over for one month, when it shall be balloted upon in the same manner and with the like restrictions imposed upon a petition for affiliation. A brother elected to this list shall pay annually a sum equal to one-half of the amount established as the yearly dues of a member of this lodge, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except voting and the holding of office."

The Committee very likely were struck by the anomalous position a visitor member would occupy in the lodge. At any rate they point out the very broad provision of the last two lines and tell Grand Lodge just what, under that provision, a visitor member might do. While the committee were of the opinion that Grand Lodge by special authorization could establish such a list, they agreed that the By-laws Committee was right in striking it out. Grand Lodge concurred. Certainly. Why permit a lodge of Masons to turn itself into a club?

Grand Lodge "laid over without prejudice" the application of the Grand Lodge of Egypt for recognition, at the Stated Communication of May 11, 1927. It also refused to extend recognition to the Grand Lodge of Persia. This Grand Lodge consists of but two lodges, which were of the Italian Constitution prior to the prohibition of Masonry in Italy, and which are now isolated. The committee observed that there are lodges of English and Scotch Constitutions in Persia with which they might amalgamate.

The report on Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Baird, and is, as always, very complete. Bro. Baird has the knack of making interesting and valuable comment. Alberta for M.W. Bro. English's year, receives fraternal notice. The Grand Master's address is quoted and his caution about establishing a Masonic Home is commended. He says, "Usually these Homes have been hurriedly created after a flow of eloquence from some highly esteemed brother, and sometimes it may be found that the interest on the money invested, plus the capita assessment would have been enough to board the 'guests' at a high class hotel. It is not always wise to do as the other fellow is doing or what the silver tongues or our orators advise." How true.

He suggests we can with advantage do without publishing the names of those who appear in our Grievances and Appeals report with which I agree. He finds our Benevolent Report is "always in-

teresting," the care in our bequests and the balance in the treasury always excite their admiration.

His conclusion also contains interesting comment. He refers to the Burial Service, "It is not essentially Masonic. . . . The most that any rite can do is to utter words of comfort to the relatives and friends of the deceased and to decently inter the body." He is of the opinion that it should be left to the discretion of the Master as to the burial of dimitted Masons.

James T. Gibbs, Grand Master.

J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary, Washington, D.C.

J.H.W.S.K

ENGLAND

The Annual Grand Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England was held at Central Hall, Westminster, on the 27th day of April, 1927. R.W. Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis, C.B.E., Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, so far as they related to the election of the M.W. the Grand Master, and of the V.W. the Grand Treasurer, were read and confirmed. The election and installation of H.R.F. the Duke of Connaught, former Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, to Grand Master for the ensuing year was proclaimed and the appointment of the Rt. Hon. Lord Amphil as Pro. Grand Master was announced by R.W. Deputy Grand Master. Thereafter followed announcements of the appointments and promotions of the various Grand Lodge officers and at the conclusion thereof, Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.

The officers and members of Grand Lodge, with a large number of brethren, subsequently met together at dinner.

This fully covers the proceedings of the Annual Grand Festival held on the date named, and some of the brethren of our own jurisdiction accustomed to the more lengthy sessions of our Annual Grand Communication, may wonder just how and when the United Grand Lodge of England, manages to deal so effectively with the multitude of important matters which it has to handle. The fact is, that instead of one Annual Grand Lodge Communication, as with us, the Grand Lodge of England holds four quarterly Communications during the year. The proceedings of each of these meetings are printed in small pamphlets, and together they constitute the annual record of the activities of the Mother Grand Lodge.

I have perused these pamphlets with considerable interest, and from them have selected a few items which may be of interest to the Craft in general.

In March, 1916, Grand Lodge resolved, "That in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the Craft being disturbed, it is necessary that all brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian, or Turkish birth, should not, during the continuance of the war and until Grand Lodge, after the Treaty of Peace has been signed, shall otherwise determine, attend any meeting of the Grand Lodge, or of a Private Lodge, or any Masonic meeting, and that such brethren be, and they are hereby required by Grand Lodge to abstain from such attendance.

R.W. Bro. John G. A. Duff (District Grand Master, South Africa, F.D.) moved the following resolution:

"That Grand Lodge, having in March, 1916, decided to require the brethren of enemy country birth to abstain from attendance at any meeting of a Grand Lodge, or a Private Lodge, or any Masonic meeting, until after the Treaty of Peace has been signed, and until the Grand Lodge, shall otherwise determine, now resolves that any Private Lodge shall by unanimous vote of its brethren, present and voting, at a regular meeting, after a notice on the Summons to every Subscribing member, allow a brother or brethren of enemy country birth to resume full membership."

Bro. Duff was able to cite a number of cases as to the manner in which the resolution affected the brethren in South Africa, and expressed the opinion that it must affect quite a number of brethren "in the dear Old Country" in the same way. I instance the case of a brother who was naturalised some 20-25 years ago. His services to the Empire during the war were rewarded by the King, who conferred upon him a knighthood. Yet he could not enter his lodge. Another case was of a brother who is a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England because of his services to England during the Boer War in connection with Freemasonry. He holds Past Grand rank. A lodge was founded by him in a neighboring town. It was named after him, yet he cannot go into the lodge he founded and consecrated, and he cannot enter his Mother Lodge.

M.W. Pro. Grand Master (M.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill) said that "It was very striking to find the change of opinion on this question, and especially within the last eighteen months, that has come over many Masons who held formerly to the original resolution, but who are now convinced that, in view of the better spirit among the nations of Europe—a better spirit which Freemasons of all men, might try to promote—the time has come when the Boards should recommend this resolution to be accepted."

"Without in any way acknowledging or seeming to acknowledge that an injustice was done by the original resolution, the Board is prepared in the circumstances of the moment, and in view of the better feeling that prevails, to recommend the Grand Lodge to accept the present motion."

The resolution was carried amid applause with only three dissentients.

The Report of the Special Committee on the Masonic Peace Memorial, states that the arrangements for the laying of the Foundation Stone of the new Masonic Temple in London—resulting from the generous and strenuous efforts of the Masons in building up the Masonic Million Fund—were proceeding satisfactorily.

The original Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1717, viz., by four lodges of which three remain to the present time, the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, The Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, and the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12. The committee gratefully accepted the offer of these three old lodges to present a Foundation Stone for the new Central Home, thereby forming a unique link between the original Grand Lodge and the present great undertaking.

At the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Albert Hall, on the 14th day of July, 1927, the Foundation Stone of this

Masonic Peace Memorial was laid by the M.W. Grand Master (H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught). The M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland (Bro. Lord Blythswood) said on this great occasion, "We congratulate the Grand Lodge of England on the great achievement which they have completed this afternoon. It is always our desire to emulate the great example set by our elder sister, for the good and the benefit of the Great Craft we all love so well—You, Sir, have laid the Foundation Stone this afternoon of a great super-structure which we feel will ever be the centre, not only for this country but for the whole Empire. This great building, which is to be erected, will form a beautiful and lasting memorial to those of our brethren who laid down their lives for their King and their Country in the Great War."

Fight thousand Freemasons including some of the most illustrious Craftsmen in the world, were present at this Ceremony, providing an occasion which should serve to still further strengthen that bond which so closely binds together our whole Masonic Fraternity.

The M.W. the Pro Grand Master admirably expressed the great thought behind the Masonic Million Scheme in the following chaste and noble words:

"Just as in all ages, all over the world, temples and buildings erected for religious purposes have stood as monuments of the culture and the spirit of achievement of ancient people long since forgotten, so this Temple which we propose to erect, is going to stand for the spirit of Freemasonry at this momentous period when one great epoch of extension and expansion is coming to an end, and when we are entering on another epoch which will prove whether the Craft can really be of as much good to the world as we hope and believe it should be."

Grand Lodge had many pertinent remarks to make regarding unauthorised appeals to the Craft, in its effort to make clear that permission to invite assistance from the Craft, which should be accorded only by the Grand Master, should only be asked for in very exceptional circumstances and passed the following resolution:

"That in the opinion of the Grand Lodge, it is most undesirable that any appeals should be made by letter, circular, or advertisement, from Private Lodges or individual brethren to the Craft in general, to support particular objects, causes or movements, without the sanction of the M.W. Grand Master."

A long and brilliant report by the President of the Board of General Purpose (R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins) on his mission to Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil, was presented.

It is a matter of regret that space prevents my offering the brethren a digest of this admirable report, but Bro. Robbins was greatly impressed by the Masonic activities of the countries he visited, and the overwhelming hospitality of the brethren. With regard to the condition of English-speaking Masons in South America, he says:

"In face of all the difficulties in working Freemasonry at as long a distance from the centre, it is a most pleasing duty to testify to the admirable manner in which the English-speaking Masons are functioning in the three countries I visited. The District Grand Lodge of South America, Southern Division, for many years has been and still is, in most active and capable governing hands; and it exercises a close and beneficent supervision over its lodges in a vast territory which has most excellent results. How vast is that territory, can be conjectured from the fact that, on the occasion of my visit to a regular

meeting, one of the Masters who greeted me had come from a town over 700 miles away. Happily, the same can be said in regard to the two lodges working without such supervision in Montevideo, where I found the standard to be decidedly high. Brethren on their visits to England, avail themselves of their privileges to make a further advancement in Masonic knowledge, and thus keep their colleagues in the freshest touch with the workings of the Craft. The like is to be observed in Brazil as in every Private Lodge I attended, in which I saw the ceremony performed, I was thoroughly satisfied with the precision and dignity of the working, and the earnestness of the officers and brethren concerned."

In closing this Report, I feel I owe some apology to the brethren of both jurisdictions for its form and content. By way of explanation and perhaps justification I may say, that due to exigencies of time and circumstance over which the Chairman of the Committee, the Grand Secretary nor myself had any control, this effort was a last minute attempt to include within the Committee's Report on Foreign Correspondence, some mention of the Mother Grand Lodge, and was written while waiting to go to press.

E.D.C.

FLORIDA

The Ninety-eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Jacksonville, April 19, 1927. M.W. Bro. Cary B. Fish, Grand Master, presiding.

Alberta was represented by Bro. N. A. Stumpe.

The splendid manner in which M.W. Bro. Fish administered Craft affairs during the year is perhaps best exemplified by his organizing of relief for the sufferers from the hurricane which struck Florida with such tragic results on September 18, 1926. Taking charge in person of the organization, he immediately called to his assistance representatives of the Masonic Service Association and proceeded into the stricken area to ascertain first hand the extent of the loss. Sums of money were left with local Masonic committees in the area to take care of immediate necessities. Returning to Miami where headquarters were set up, an appeal was directed through the Masonic Service Association to the Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, for funds to assist in relieving the distress of Masons and their families. The splendid response to this appeal resulted in contributions amounting to \$111,652.73, of which amount \$15,000.00 was from Florida itself. A special fund was created with this money, and was distributed through the several committees with the Grand Master acting as General Chairman. As not sufficient funds were available for taking care of all those who had suffered in the hurricane, first efforts were directed to temporary relief; then to re-habilitation, first of the homes of the widows and children of Masons and then of the Masons with large families. The suffering and loss from the storm was terrible but added to the disaster was the closing of bank doors which followed in the wake, thereby depriving the sufferers of their last possessions. Some \$3,000.00 of the relief funds were tied up in such closed banks. Of the 527 families who were assisted, 228 had membership in Florida and among the others were seven families from Canada. The fund was finally closed in November and the accounts audited. Something less than one per cent, was the cost of carrying out the work of relief. This was accomplished only by reason of the fact that the brethren gave freely of their time and the use of their automobiles, no salaries

being paid any members of the committees although they worked night and day and some of them were on the job for many months. The handling of the whole relief and the splendid contributions are a tribute to the real worth of Freemasonry. It would seem that the Masonic Service Association easily justifies its existence by co-operation in such disasters even though it carried on no other work.

There are real "labors" for the Craft to perform in Florida, with sixteen corner stones laid and six dedications.

Among the recommendations of the Grand Master was one proposing a new procedure in the case of trials for un-Masonic conduct. The lodge would pass upon the matter as to whether it should be prosecuted and if so then it would be tried by a Commission of five members residing in different parts of the State. The reasons advanced in its favor were that it removed the matter from local influences with the possibility of discord within the lodge, and also that many halls were not large enough to accommodate all members should they desire to attend same. The Committee on Jurisprudence did not endorse this. Undoubtedly there sometimes arises a need for some other way of handling these trials and in Alberta the Constitution provides for a Commission to be appointed by the Grand Master at the request of the lodge, should they not desire to try the case themselves.

A splendid memorial on the death of Albert W. Gilchrist, Grand Master of Florida, 1911 to 1912 and State Governor 1909 to 1913, was presented to Grand Lodge, as well as the striking tribute paid his memory in the Grand Master's address. Probably the character of the late brother is best revealed in the words of his last will and testament, and which were engraven upon his tombstone for posterity to read, "To the Masonic Home of Florida all that I have not otherwise willed. I am practically the real founder of the Home." The amount involved will be about \$400,000.00.

One of the seven charters granted was to Luz de America, at Miami, working in the Spanish language. This was done upon the committee being informed by the Grand Master that he had personally visited them and inspected their records and through the services of a qualified interpreter was satisfied as to the character of their work. In reviewing, the question arises as to the virtues of a foreign language lodge working amidst English speaking peoples. Can there be the proper supervision, the exchange of fraternal amenities, and complete participation of Grand Lodge programs so essential for effective Masonic work?

No action was taken upon the requests for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Egypt or the United Mexican Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz.

A new building costing about \$75,000 was authorized to house the old folks and serve as a hospital. In the words of the committee: "Old age, with its enforced progressive tendency to weakness, sickness and debility, cannot properly be cared for mixed with the activity, joyousness and reasonable noise and hilarious exuberance of children. Old people must have surcease, most of the time, from exciting conditions, and in the same house, under the same roof, this is impossible."

The Masonic districts in Florida are to be re-grouped on the basis of good automobile roads, making lodges more accessible for D.D.G.M.'s. It would seem that many Grand Lodges are faced with this same problem as a result of the change in the mode of transportation.

A new set of forms for application for initiation and the several reports thereon were adopted. The questions to be answered by the

candidate are all pertinent. With the amazing growth of the divorce evil, one believes that some question should be included directed toward a possible history in that connection. Then too, general experience has proven that not all committees of investigation enquire as fully as they should, indeed, too often committees are composed of brethren inexperienced and ignorant of what their full duties are. Should there not be a questionnaire for the committee to fill out in detail as to the result of their investigations? Such form of course should only be received when filled out in full. One has often felt that too little enquiry is directed toward the financial qualifications of candidates for in some cases after admission upon slight adversity brethren have become charges upon the Fraternity.

Grand Lodge adopted the policy that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for a memorial to each deceased Grand Master and that a standard design of monument be adopted.

A wonderful oration was delivered by Major Augustus E. Barnett on the "Five Great Affirmations of Freemasonry." Lack of space precludes more than the detailing of the sub-heads.

1. The first and chief of Masonic affirmations is our belief in God.
2. The second great Masonic affirmation is the divinity of the Holy Scriptures.
3. The third great Masonic affirmation is the ultimate reign of justice on the earth.
4. The improvability of human nature.
5. The imperishability of the human soul.

A very able review of fraternal correspondence by Bro. Ely P. Hubbell appears as an appendix. Alberta proceedings of 1925 and 1926 receive very kindly attention. Two errors occur in a reference to the items which we deposit in corner stones. "The deposits were a scroll on which were inscribed the name of the Sovereign George the Sixth, and the names of the Canadian governing rulers, Church dignitaries and the Grand Lodge Master and his deputies and a vial containing coins of the realm." Well, we have not come to the Sixth George as yet. Error number two is the styling of our Governor General and Lieutenant Governor and Premiers as rulers. The former are merely the King's representatives whose duties are to sign bills after having been duly passed by the respective governments. The premiers are not rulers in any sense, but are merely the nominal head of the government, and leader of the majority party in power. The only "ruling" authorities in Canada are the elected representatives of the people as formed into governments. The King, symbol of a united people, is the bond which holds together a far-flung Empire.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Benjamin E. Dyson, Jacksonville, Florida.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Florida.

V.H.M.

GEORGIA

The Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons, held the One Hundred and Forty-first Communication in Macon, October 25th and 26th, 1927, M.W. Bro. A. G. Miller, Grand Master.

Just prior to the opening of the communication the beautiful new home of Grand Lodge was formally dedicated. From the picture

appearing in the proceedings, it impresses one with the simplicity but solidity of design and an apparent commodiousness. The well proportioned porch-way is appropriately supported with two great pillars.

The Grand Master's scholarly address was introduced with the following beautiful sentiment:

"It is said that as Milton came to the end of his masterpiece, 'Paradise Lost,' he paused. His daughter, who was penning that immortal poem for him, looked up as she waited for him to continue. Upon the face of England's greatest singer she saw an expression of the deepest sorrow; in his sightless eyes were gathering tears and from his lips came the words vibrating with emotion, 'It is finished.' The ending of days of happiness spent in a work he loved as he did his very life and the coming to him of a consciousness that now mankind must judge of the worthiness of his creation to live, stirred his very soul. Some such emotion stirs the heart of your Grand Master today as he faces the termination of his administration."

While the words of the Scottish bard are still true that "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," yet equally true is the sentiment that man's humanity to distressed mankind brings joy and relief to the habitation of desolation. Last year's review chronicled the splendid succor rendered adjoining Florida by Georgia Freemasonry at the time of the devastating hurricane. The year the Grand Master reported the generous response of \$7,000 to his appeal for the relief of the stricken people of the flooded Mississippi valley in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. And now just a few days ago we read in the newspapers of the terrible storm and floods in Georgia herself. A friend in need is surely a friend indeed.

The following decisions of the Grand Master and approved by the Jurisprudence Committee are at variance with the procedure in Alberta: It is necessary to ballot upon a petition if reported unfavorably by the investigating committee. And where a brother has been suspended for non-payment of dues and applies for re-instatement accompanied with arrears, his petition being rejected the money is forfeited to the lodge in settlement of his debt.

Following the practice of certain Grand Lodges, Georgia adopted the idea of providing her Grand Representatives near corresponding jurisdictions with a suitable medallion to be worn by them and their successors in office.

The Education Commission reported that during the year, \$3,100.00 had been loaned to twentieth-six worthy young men and women, enabling them to get one more year of college training. The need is greater than the funds, as applications were received for twice the amount available.

Owing to increasingly heavy demands upon the finances of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master found the funds in a critically low condition. A commission appointed to study and report brought in the following recommendations which were adopted: First, that the budget system be adopted for controlling finances. Second, that constituent lodges shall pay 50-50 with Grand Lodge toward the relief of indigent old Masons, their widows and orphans. Third, that the per capita be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.50, and a levy of \$1.50 for each initiation and re-instatement instead of \$1.00.

Atrophy seems to have attacked Masonry in some parts of Georgia as 12 charters were voluntarily surrendered, two ordered arrested and seven having failed to make reports were suspended. This condition

must undoubtedly be due to the unwise granting of charters in the first instance. Certain lodges (12) had failed to pay anything on their assessment for the George Washington Memorial and it was adopted that the incoming Grand Master shall notify them, giving them ninety days in which to fully pay their assessments, failing which the charters shall be suspended until paid. Let us hope that the brethren were able to pay, making drastic action unnecessary.

A splendid volume of fraternal reviews from the pen of Bro. Raymund Daniel would have been more complete had it contained a review of Alberta proceedings. Bro. Daniel introduces the volume with a short sermon on "The New Name" with the apparent text from St. John the Evangelist, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

Number of lodges, 688. Total membership, 66,843. Loss, 62.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymund Daniel.

V.H.M.

IDAHO

Sixtieth Annual Communication held at Coeur d'Alene, September 13th and 15th, 1927.

In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. Henry P. Glindeman, Grand Master.

At the reception of Grand Representatives, Alberta was not represented.

Formal welcome was presented by the City of Coeur d'Alene and flowers were received from The Eastern Star Chapter, The Scottish Rite Bodies of Coeur d'Alene, The Rotary Club, The Kiwanis Club and The Past Matrons Club of the O.E.S. An effective touch was a presentation to the Grand Master by his own small daughter of a bouquet from his family. In Idaho a meeting of Grand Lodge is apparently recognized as a community festival. And why not?

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, the Grand Chaplain and a Past Grand Master were distinguished guests.

Summing up conditions in Idaho, the Grand Master in his address says: "Masonic conditions throughout the jurisdiction are most favorable. While our increase for the year in point of membership was not large, the lodges as a whole have been fairly active in the many avenues of Masonic endeavor."

Idaho till now has had no Custodian of the Work and the Grand Master now recommends the appointment of a Board of Custodians. We believe he has the right idea in recommending a Board rather than an individual Custodian whose services may not be available when most wanted.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we cull the following, and with the sentiment expressed heartily agree:

"It would seem that in the Masonic scheme of titles and honors there should be one to bestow on a Secretary who has served his lodge long and well.

"A member serves a year as Master and whether it be well done or otherwise he retires with the title of Past Master as a recommendation to Masonic favor as long as he lives. But one may serve as Secre-

tary one year or twenty years, and when he retires carries with him no recognition of services, or reward except the consciousness of duty well done."

A full report of the efforts of the Committee on Maconic Education appears and in it appears an idea we have been trying to drive home in Alberta: "Give the members something really worth while and they will return for more—We need more lodge activity rather than less."

In the course of an able oration by Dr. John T. Wood, Grand Orator on "The Growth of a Mason" we find a thought which keeps recurring in numbers of the Grand Lodge Reports it has been our privilege to peruse: "How shall we realize this (Masonic) ideal?" asks Bro. Wood. "First by choosing our candidate material with considerably more care than we exercise at present. We simply must have men, 'who are possessed of sufficient education and intelligence to understand and value the doctrines and tenets of Masonry.' It is not enough that they understand these tenets; they must also value them." In other words, our candidates must have capacity to grasp and follow an ideal and to this expression of Dr. Woods' views, we say, amen and amen!

The usual statistics complete the report.

In the Report of Foreign Correspondence, Alberta's Report of 1926 is reviewed in friendly fashion.

Number of lodges, 80. Total membership, 10,118. Gain, 110.

Next Communication at Boise on Second Tuesday in September, 1928.

Richard F. Curtis, Sandpoint, Grand Master.

Curtis F. Pike, Boise, Grand Secretary.

A.M.M.

ILLINOIS

The Eighty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the City of Chicago, commencing on Tuesday the 11th day of October, 1927, and was opened in Ample Form by Bro. David D. King, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Immediately after the opening a Memorial Service was held for Bro. Geo. M. Moulton, Past Grand Master and Bro. Emmett Howard, Senior Grand Warden. Bro. Bell, P.G.M., gave a beautiful address in memory of Bro. Moulton as did Bro. Scott, P.G.M., in memory of Bro. Howard.

In opening his address, or as it is called Annual Report, the Grand Master draws attention to the first annual meeting of the Grand Lodge on October 20th, 1840. There were at that meeting 23 members of the Masonic Fraternity, of which eleven were Grand Lodge Officers, seven representatives of lodges and five visitors. There were then four lodges with membership of less than one hundred.

On the 11th day of October, 1927, there were representatives of more than 1000 lodges with nearly 300,000 members.

He feelingly refers to the loss the Grand Lodge had sustained in the past year by the death of the R.W. Senior Grand Warden, the

chairman of the Committee on Obituaries, two D.D.G. Masters, a Grand Steward, besides the dearly beloved Past Grand Master Moulton.

The Grand Master calls attention to the "storm of ungrounded criticism and of the insidious attacks by Anarchists, Communists and so called Parlor Socialists. . . . We are all of course devoted to liberty, but we believe like Daniel Webster, that 'Liberty exists in proportion to wholesome restraint.' Undivided allegiance to public authority must be required. The sanctity of our duly constituted tribunals must be maintained. . . . It is gratifying, as well as fully to be expected that no such un-American expressions have been heard in our circles, nor uttered by the lips or pens of Masons. But that alone should not satisfy us. Our duty as citizens and Masons is plain. Masonry has ever been concerned with the stability of government, the supremacy of law and the maintenance of peace and order among all classes of society. Our obligation of membership requires fealty to our country. . . . It is the privilege and duty of all American Masons, in the full discharge of their duties as citizens, to resent and repress in every lawful manner any attack upon those fundamentals which we hold sacred and basic as citizens of this country and which has been our great contribution to the science of government during the past 140 years."

In dealing with this the Committee on Grand Master's Annual Report has this to say:

"To that portion of the report under the head of 'Radicalism' we recommend thoughtful consideration. On this subject our M.W. Grand Master has provided subject matter for deep concern."

There is no doubt but that Masonry has done much and is still doing much to stabilize governments in teaching not only to its members, but to many outside, to respect law and order. A Mason is false to his obligation and to his teachings who allows himself to be led astray by parties whose object, nearly always concealed, is revolution and the overthrow of the government.

For relief in the Mississippi Valley flood the Grand Lodge, subordinate lodges and other bodies collected a fund of \$51,770.95. From this fund \$12,500.00 was sent to the Grand Master of Louisiana; \$7,500.00 to Arkansas; \$7,500.00 to Mississippi; to Tennessee, \$2,500.00 and \$3,500.00 to relief of members in its own Jurisdiction. The balance, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Finance is to be retained for relieving further cases of distress resulting from the flood or other catastrophies.

At the request of the Grand Treasurer the Grand Master brought up the question of the indemnity bond of the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Treasurer is the custodian of all the securities of Grand Lodge as well as the cash, both together amounting to nearly a million dollars. There passed through the hands of the Grand Secretary during the past year more than \$456,000.00. The bond of the Grand Treasurer is \$50,000. and the Grand Secretary \$25,000. The Finance Committee recommended and it was adopted that all the securities be placed in a suitable bank to be selected by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee or a majority of them and that the bond of the Grand Treasurer be \$300,000.00 and that of the Grand Secretary \$100,000.00. The committee emphasized very strongly that this was not in any way a reflection on the Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary, but was purely a proper business step to take.

We must congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the enviable financial position which requires its financial officers to be so heavily bonded.

The Grand Master's Convention in Chicago November 16th, 1926, was attended by representatives of thirty Jurisdictions and Grand Master says, "That while no decisive action was taken, the results were most gratifying measured by mutual understanding and friendship." Another conference of Grand Masters was held in Washington, D.C., on February 23rd, 1927. It hardly seems that two conventions a year of Grand Masters would be advisable; one would likely be more successful than two.

What comes as a surprise to us is that the Grand Master has refused to lay the Corner Stone of Churches. He says that in 1912 the Grand Master refused to lay the Corner Stone of a Church when opposition developed among the church members. That for the next 12 years all Grand Masters refused. The custom then was revived.

We really think that Bro. King is straining at a gnat. There was some opposition to the Masons laying the Corner Stone of a Church some 14 or 15 years ago. Well not many things would be done in this old world if we had to wait until everybody was unanimous. It seems to us that there would be less opposition to the laying of the Corner Stone of a Protestant Church than that of a Court House or Public School building. And the Grand Master reports the laying of the Corner Stone of a High School and a Court House. So far as we know Illinois is alone in this.

Two charters were arrested by the Grand Master, one for 90 days as a punishment for initiating a candidate whose right thumb was missing, the other for dissention among some of its former officers. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances in the latter case, fully upheld the action of the Grand Master but owing to the fact that all differences may be healed by the present officers, recommended that the Charter be restored.

Under the head of Physical Qualifications, the Grand Master calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the amendment to this part of the Code in 1919 is not working out as was intended. The question of physical qualification is left entirely in Grand Lodge and incidentally that means the Grand Master. He says:

"It is unfortunate that under present conditions the Grand Lodge has almost entire control over the physically disqualified petitioners for the degrees, in the fact that lodges are not permitted to receive petitions of this kind; but when the equally if not more important question of mental and moral fitness is under consideration the Grand Lodge has no way of retaining control. The result is that the law keeps out a great many good men who would make excellent Masons, but who are physically disqualified, while the membership elects a great many to receive the degrees whom the Grand Lodge, if it could be consulted, would not consider eligible." He then recommended a modification of the law.

The Committee on Legislation to whom this part of the Grand Master's address was referred goes into the matter thoroughly. As the law stands now, "in any case of any such maiming or physical defects, on petition of five members of the lodge, the Secretary shall transmit the petition to the Grand Master for his decision. Should the Grand Master upon investigation deem it advisable so to do he may, in his discretion, issue a dispensation permitting the lodge to proceed to ballot on the petition."

This amendment was passed in 1919 "yet no Grand Master has assumed authority under it because of the inability to establish a rule of conduct thereunder which might be uniform in its application to all cases thus brought to his attention. In other words, it has now been found, after an experience of eight years, that this amendment is impractical and futile."

The Committee recommend the following:

"Every Candidate applying for the degrees of Masonry must have the senses of a man, especially those of hearing, seeing, and feeling; be a believer in God; a citizen of the United States of America; capable of reading and writing in English, and possessing no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of conforming to what the several degrees respectively require of him."

The report was adopted but the adoption of the recommendation lies over until next year, and will most likely become law then.

So far as we have been able to learn nearly all Grand Jurisdictions have very similar rules or laws with the exception of requiring citizenship which we believe is peculiar to Illinois.

The Grand Master recommended that the amount paid to the Committee on Correspondence be increased from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 per annum. The Committee on Finance endorsed the recommendation, and report of the committee was adopted.

During the year the Grand Master by himself or by proxy:

Constituted 13 lodges.

Dedicated 9 Masonic Temples and 2 Masonic Halls.

Laid the Corner Stones of 5 New Masonic Temples, 1 high school, 1 Boys' Home and 1 Court House.

Instituted two Lodges.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Preston Bradley, delivered the annual Oration. In the Proceedings it is called a "wonderful oration" and we fully agree.

The Representative for Alberta, Bro. Harry J. Lord, was present.

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence is written by M.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach. It is his fourth and, in our opinion, is a masterly review of the Grand Jurisdictions. Better than his previous reports as he says in his "forward" he has indulged more freely in his comments on the different matters under review. This, in our opinion, very much increases the value of such reports.

Alberta proceedings of 1926 are fully reviewed.

A Past Grand Masters Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master, Bro. King. M.W. Bro. Bell, P.G.M., made the presentation and spoke very highly of the work that Bro. King had done for Masonry. A vote of thanks, carried unanimously, was tendered to Bro. King "for the able, satisfactory and impartial way in which he has conducted its (the Grand Lodge) affairs during the past year."

Number of Lodges, 1,006.

Members, June 30th, 1927, 290,642 Gain for year, 4,878.

Bro. Louis L. Emmerson was elected M.W. Grand Master.

Bro. Owen Scott was re-elected R.W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

INDIANA

The Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, Free and Accepted Masons was opened in the Grand Lodge Hall in the City of Indianapolis 10 o'clock a.m., Tuesday the 24th day of May, 1927, being the One Hundred and Tenth year of the Grand Lodge.

At the opening of the Grand Lodge there were, besides the Grand Lodge Officers, 19 Past Grand Masters, 545 representatives of the 558 Chartered Lodges.

There were present 42 representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, who conveyed to Indiana felicitous greetings from their respective jurisdictions. (He of Maryland breaking out in poetry.)

Grand Master William C. Geake, in opening his address, after extending a welcome, said, "As representatives of nearly one hundred and twenty eight thousand Freemasons of the State of Indiana, we have, for a brief period, withdrawn from the activities of daily life and assembled in our Grand Lodge Home, where it is meet and proper that we review the work of the past year, enjoy the pleasant associations of the meeting, and gather fresh hope and new inspiration for the future. To that God whom we, as Masons, reverence and serve, we greatly acknowledge our sincere thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us during the past year, and may we hope for his guidance through the deliberations of this, our annual meeting."

During the year no death occurred in the official circle of Grand or Past Grand officers.

The Grand Master reports that he attended a Grand Master's Conference at Washington, D.C., where representatives of the majority of the Grand Jurisdictions discussed a number of questions of general interest. Such matters as regulations relative to the jurisdiction over rejected candidates, suspended and expelled members, courtesy degrees, relief, uniformity in "good standing" cards and procedure in Masonic trials. "While," he says, "No formal action was or could be taken in any way binding upon those attending the Conference, or the Grand Lodges represented therein, much valuable information was elicited which may in time bring about more uniform regulations and methods of procedure in Masonic matters, common to all Grand Jurisdictions, than has heretofore existed among them."

It was decided to make the Conference an annual affair.

Following this Conference was the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Grand Master reports that this project has advanced so far that one of the meetings was held in the unfinished Auditorium. He reports that Indiana has contributed 32.8 per cent of her quota of one dollar per member.

The special committee appointed to take into consideration the application for help by the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association recommended against the Grand Lodge becoming affiliated with, and a member of this Association. The committee were of the opinion, "that this should be left to the individuals or their respective lodges, and not be a matter of Grand Lodge support."

Dispensations were granted for two new lodges.

The Grand Master or his special deputies laid the corner stone of three Masonic Temples, one church, five public school buildings and one court house.

He, or his deputies, also inspected and approved of eleven new Lodge Halls and dedicated eight new Masonic Temples. Three of these cost over three quarters of a million dollars each.

Two lodges were constituted. Two Lodges were put on probation for a few months owing to slackness. At the end of the probation both showed decided improvement, one the probation was extended, the other it was lifted entirely.

Another lodge which had invaded the jurisdictions of a neighboring lodge having in the previous year had its Charter arrested the Committee on Jurisprudence, thinking the punishment sufficient, advised the restoration of the Charter if the offending lodge would pay over the fee improperly collected and making a written apology. The lodge having complied, the Charter was duly restored.

The Grand Master ordered another lodge to consolidate owing to the affairs of the lodge being in such shape as to warrant such action or suspend the Charter.

Under "Decisions" the Grand Master in his address gives us several. The first is where a member of a lodge in Indiana was expelled by a lodge in California and question was asked as to whether his appeal was to the Grand Lodge of Indiana or California. He answered that the appeal lies to the Grand Lodge of California; that the Lodge in California having acquired jurisdiction he must appeal to the Grand Lodge in that jurisdiction.

He rules that where a brother has been expelled by a lodge he must appeal to the Grand Lodge within the time fixed or lose his right.

He ruled that as the General Regulation stated that the lodge room of any lodge shall be used only for legitimate Masonic purposes and by the Eastern Star he could not grant permission for the White Shrine of Jerusalem to meet in the lodge room.

Where the by-laws of a lodge provide for election of trustees by private ballot the Worshipful Master cannot appoint a brother to fill a vacancy. An election must be held.

The Grand Lodge, through the Grand Master, forwarded \$1,000 for relief under the Florida disaster and the sum of \$1,500 for relief of the Mississippi flood.

In concluding an admirable address Bro. Geake has this to say about what he calls the new freedom. "We read and hear much in these days of the new freedom for which many are striving. New forces are being released, new ideas propagated, and a social condition, new at least to this age, is being advocated with a continuity of purpose that is having undeniable effect upon the belief, life and conduct of men and women today. We must not limit this progress toward a new and broader freedom. We must not block it. We must rejoice in it. But we must be prepared for it and with our personal efforts direct it to a firm and reasonable foundation. Men and women must become worthy to live in it, and must find in this new freedom the moral equivalent of the past masterful authority. Under this new freedom there is a tendency for the individual to become a law unto himself. It is my opinion that this condition develops more often in an individual who has lost contact with or belief in Divinity. That contact and that belief always have been and always will be the supreme need of all peoples and of all nations. It is my belief that one of the greatest, if not the greatest, requirements in the upkeep of liberty and the progress of the human race is a permanent, deep-seated belief in and reverence for God. In Him we live and move and have our being and may His richest blessings ever rest on this great Fraternity."

With the latter part of this we fully agree; when a nation forgets God it goes back. The highest civilization is undoubtedly in Christian

Nations—and when a nation tries to stamp out a belief in God then that nation will soon fall. There is abundant proof of that. But what we confess we do not know is just what the Grand Master means by this “new freedom.” It surely is not the freedom which many interpret to be license.

The Grand Master reports that he instituted two new lodges and constituted two lodges; charters having been granted to these two at the last convocation of Grand Lodge.

The Ritual Committee reported a new Music Book about completed and that it will be ready for distribution in a few weeks.

The report of the Masonic Home Directors is most interesting reading. Indiana is caring for the aged and orphans in a way that she has every right to be proud of. The endowment fund is considerably over a quarter of a million dollars. Buildings, representing an outlay of nearly two million, provide accommodation for nearly 400 and is all free and clear of debt. During the session of Grand Lodge an excursion was arranged so that the members could visit the home; 611 took advantage of it.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and asked for further time to investigate and get further information on the Grand Lodge of France and the National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

The annual review is written by M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay and his portrait precedes the review. This is his fourteenth. There are 63 reviews of 60 Grand Jurisdictions, three are for two years.

He gives us statistical tables for U.S. and Canada, showing the number of lodges, membership and gain for the year. There are in the United States 16,280 lodges; 3,198,315 members and the total gain for the year 70,936. All Grand Jurisdictions show increase except Kentucky, who had a decrease of 4,886, and Montana, which had neither increase or decrease.

Canada has 1,301 lodges; 190,119 members and a gain of 4,414. All show gains.

The review shows much study and careful work. Two pages are given to Alberta.

Number of lodges, 559. Members, Dec. 31st, 1926, 127,916. Gain for year, 1,700.

H.C.T.

IOWA

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was held on Tuesday, 14th day of June, 1927, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. M.W. Bro. Harry Milton Belt, Grand Master, presided.

Addresses of welcome were extended to the Grand Lodge by Brother C. F. Kimball, Lieutenant Governor of Iowa and Brother Samuel A. Green, Mayor of Council Bluffs, and was responded to by Deputy Grand Master Theodore W. Hawkinson, who stated that during the last forty-three years the population of Iowa was increased 50 per cent and the numerical increase of Masons in the same time had been 450 per cent, and that one man in every seven in Iowa was a Mason. Eleven Past Grand Masters were present in attendance their years of

office ranging between 1903 and 1925. The address of the Grand Master was comparatively brief, about twenty pages, and is a simple, direct account of his stewardship. The Grand Master had a busy year and devoted by far the most of his time to his Masonic duties. He was appointed Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Iowa and this appointment received a very beautifully engrossed commission and a jewel of the office, the same being transmitted through R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, chairman of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Master with the Grand Lodge of Iowa withdrew from the Masonic Service Association and Grand Lodge adopted this recommendation.

The Grand Master recommended an investigation into the working of Trial Commissions for Masonic Offences as the same were being demonstrated in other States such as Kansas, Missouri, and Massachusetts. We quote:

"If Masonic trials were held by unprejudiced and unbiased brethren who have no personal interest in the accused or the officers of the lodge, aside from fraternal brotherhood, I am quite sure that more justice would be meted out and no hard feelings left behind to harrass the lodge."

The Grand Master favored a policy of district meetings as a means of the Grand Master meeting the Masters and Wardens during his year of office.

The Grand Master quoted the edict of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania re appendant organizations requiring Masonic affiliation as a condition necessary to membership therein, and recommended that the Grand Lodge of Iowa take similar action. He also recommended that the Grand Lodge of Iowa adopt the custom of exchanging Grand Representatives with other Grand Jurisdictions without the United States of America with whom the Grand Lodge of Iowa were in fraternal relations.

From the Report of the Board of Custodians it appears that a total number of 307 schools of instruction were held throughout the States in the year 1927, that 56 District Lecturers Certificates were issued and 19 Proficiency Certificates with respect to the matter of proficiency in conferring the work.

The Report of the Grand Secretary and Librarian is a very interesting one. Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. Hunt referred to the destruction of three lodge halls during the year, by fire; also the flood disasters in Florida and in the Mississippi basin; to several National Masonic Meetings; the considerable amount of courtesy work and to the publication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa known as the Grand Lodge Bullent, the greater part of his report relating to this latter subject.

His report as Librarian was particularly interesting and discloses that the Grand Lodge of Iowa have one of the finest Masonic Libraries in the world. It appears that they have 87 travelling libraries, an extensive Clipping Bureau, and a very up-to-date system of classification and cataloging of Masonic books, periodicals and publications. The Grand Lodge Library of Iowa is of service to the Masonic Fraternity beyond the State of Iowa, in a great many ways, and its development, both for local and for national Masonic service, is one of the glories of this Grand Lodge.

During the year covered by the 1927 report, the Grand Lodge disbursed through its benevolent committee, in conjunction with the lodges concerned, a total of \$41,328.30 to some 205 beneficiaries, an average of about \$201.60 to each beneficiary. They have also estab-

lished a Sanitarium capable of housing some 50 guests, the estimated cost of maintaining this sanitarium being about forty-six thousand dollars. The total expenses involved in the establishment of this institution, which has been in progress for some three years, is a little over two hundred and thirty-four thousand dollars.

The Grand Lodge extended fraternal recognition to the Swiss Grand Lodge, Alpina, and accepted a report of the committee on Grand Lodge Recognition continuing the fraternal recognition of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

During the Grand Lodge meeting, opportunity was taken by Grand Lodge to attend the ceremony of the unveiling by the Grand Master of a Memorial tablet which had been placed in the halls of the Iowa State School for the Deaf, by the State Board of Education, to the memory of Past Grand Master Henry William Rothert, who, for 30 years, had served as the Superintendent of this Educational institution.

A most interesting portion of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge was the election of four distinguished Masons of England to honorary membership in the Grand Lodge of Iowa with the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, namely: R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, P.G.W., V.W. Bro. William Songhurst, P.G.D., R.W. Bro. Arthur Lionel Vibert, P.D.G.W. (Madras) and W. Bro. Edward Conder, L.R.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence by Past Grand Master Louis Block constituted by far the most interesting portion of the report for 1927 of this Grand Lodge. Brother Block's "Foreword" entitled, "Helping a Brother to Help Himself," brings to our attention a very practical report on this important matter, the statistics cited showing what has been accomplished in this way in various jurisdictions in the United States and the success attained should certainly be an inspiration to Masons in every place where the problem of unemployment presents itself. Among the reviews Alberta receives very kindly and appreciative attention. The "Afterword" of Brother Block, which deals with the "Menace of Modern Atheism," is calculated to reassure us somewhat against alarmist reports and points out the great power which Freemasonry may exert in counteracting such destructive tendencies. In any event Brother Block's "Afterword" is a most consoling and convincing dissertation and is altogether delightful on account of its high literary quality.

Total membership, 86,541. Net gain, 401.

M.W. Bro. David R. Tripp, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

KANSAS

Seventy-first Annual Communication held at Wichita, February 23rd and 24th, 1927.

In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. John W. Neilson, Grand Master.

Grand Representatives were cordially received, Alberta being represented by W. Bro. Paul M. Martin.

In the printed proceedings of a Grand Lodge it is sometimes a difficult task for a reviewer to put his finger on what might be termed the salient theme of the report because of the many and diverse subjects

with which the report must of necessity deal. With the present proceedings, however, the theme is there clear and outstanding—a quiet, but determined, stand of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Kansas to maintain absolute sovereignty against extraneous organizations of all kinds and of all purposes.

The tone of the Grand Master's comment is final and definite:

"During the year the Grand Master has been the recipient of voluminous correspondence from several associations and organizations, national and local in scope and purposes, and while recognizing the educational and altruistic spirit that actuates them, has, without exception, replied, that owing to the attitude and avowed intention of non-participation in these organizations by our Grand Lodge, no recognition could be accorded by him."

Temple building is a subject uppermost among many Alberta Masons at the moment, and quotation of the cautionary remarks of M.W. Bro. Neilson must be of value:

"There comes a time in the life of every ambitious man when he outgrows his habitation and reaches out for better and larger accommodations; so it has been with many of our lodges over the States. Magnificent temples, beautifully furnished and splendidly equipped, have gratified this laudable ambition, but in too many instances the 'pay as you go' plan has been relegated to the background and lodges have become so involved in debt that it is proving not only burdensome to the members but detrimental to the lodge as a whole."

"We point with pride to our beautiful edifices, but this erection of costly temples should not be undertaken until a substantial sum has been accumulated for their building and equipment."

The Grand Master notes with justifiable pride that every lodge in his jurisdiction received at least one visit from the District Deputy Grand Master. Where seventy-five deputies and nearly four hundred and fifty lodges are involved this is an enviable condition.

As an aid to the thorough understanding of the Book of Constitution the following valuable suggestion is contained in the Grand Master's address:

"... a typewritten set of questions answerable by reference to our printed laws, are presented and discussed. The questions are prepared by a member, thoroughly conversant with our laws, and much good has resulted from this method and in many lodges would be preferable to the topical or lecture method of instruction."

Under "Condition of the Craft" the Grand Master's voice swells the rising note of inquiry when he says:

"The multiplicity of interests, both social and business, is proving a deterrent to lodge attendance and there is no situation of more vital concern to those of us who are interested in the future of Masonry than the lack of attendance at lodge meetings."

That Grand Master Neilson has a knack for happy aphorism is evidenced by two we select from his address:

"The world believes in Masonic integrity."

"One in authority should refrain from exercising that authority until the situation becomes intolerable and every means of amicable settlement are exhausted."

Two excellent orations are included in the report. The first by Bro. Charles M. Harger is a notable analysis of the apparent conflict between mass action and individualism and an attempt to place Craft Masonry as the "happy medium".

A paragraph quoted from the oration will illustrate Bro. Harger's view:

"Masonry stands in the midst of this complex division of society with its history and its standards, built into the fabric of life with a permanence that tells of the wisdom of the fathers and of the intelligence that moulded its form. The world needs this stabilizing force. The cry of the times is for permanency and we have in every department of life's activities a demand that there shall be some established order, one that shall remain firm no matter where lead the evanescent tides of emotion or the vagaries of the public taste. Herein lies the value of our Order to the community for it stands today where it stood yesterday, unchanged in its teachings and unmodified in its ideals."

Following the custom in Kansas the second address is that to be read at the various District Meetings during the year. Prepared by W. Bro. Robert P. McCulloch, it deals particularly with the symbols of the Entered Apprentice. It is a very able widening out of the descriptive lectures and admonitions of the degree itself and should be extremely valuable for its purpose.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address commenting on an item, already mentioned in this review, is brief and to the point:

"The condition of the Craft is not alarming, but it is affected, and to an extent its purpose is deflected, by the spirit of the times."

Grand Lodge, "following the ancient custom of tithing" voted one tenth of its revenues for a Charity Fund.

We are tempted to quote voluminously from the preface to the Report of Foreign Correspondence, but space forbids. R.W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee, presumably reviews all the reports and his summing up of the general features of the reports is exceedingly able. Alberta is given her share of the space allotted to the report itself.

The usual statistical tables and some handsome illustrations of the Grand Lodge offices round out a noteworthy report.

Number of Lodges, 449. Total membership, 82,165. Net gain, 1,991.

Next Communication at Topeka, Wednesday, February 22nd, 1928.

Charles N. Fowler, Salina, Grand Master.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

A.M.M.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was held in Louisville, October 18, 19 and 20, 1927, M.W. Bro. Charles S. Rankins, Grand Master. Among the twenty-three Past Grand Masters present were M.W. Bro. J. G. Orndorf, 1884, and M.W. Bro. B. G. Witt, 1885.

Among the several matters dealt with in the Grand Master's address were the following,—an edict prohibiting smoking in the lodge room while lodge is in business session; a warning to the Craft of a species of clandestine Masonry in Kentucky under the name of "Co-Masonry"; and a decision that a member may be suspended for non-payment of an assessment.

A rather interesting case arose where one E. E. Smith petitioned for membership. Two of the committee investigated one E. C. Smyth who lived on the same street, one block away from Smith, reporting unfavorably. The other members reported favorably on the proper party. The candidate was rejected on the ballot, the mistaken identity being discovered later. The Grand Master ruled that while the two of the committee were at fault, yet inasmuch as E. E. Smith was rejected at the ballot, nothing could be done except wait the statutory time and re-petition. The Jurisprudence Committee decided that the Grand Master was in error; that the Master of the lodge should have declared the report of the committee and ballot void, and have the committee report on the proper person and ballot on him again in the usual way.

The Educational Trustees do not like the regulation passed by the Directors of the Widows and Orphans Home, to retain the graduates of the common-school grades for an additional two years on the home, thereby increasing the average age of retirement from the Home of each child to 18 years. The placing of the Home graduate in an outside approved school, they state, compels the child to exercise some discretion for himself and to take sufficient initiative to begin life's battle successfully. There are 72 awards receiving educational assistance at an average cost for the year of \$264.00 each. This covers the cost of schooling, board, and clothing for ten months. The income is received from interest of an endowment fund of \$200,000.00 invested in high grade real estate bonds.

During the session the new Widows and Orphans Home, costing upwards of \$1,700,000.00, was dedicated. Kentucky has the honor of having erected the first Masonic Home on the American continent in 1871, and now they are justly proud of what is undoubtedly the finest one. The institution is on the dormitory or residence plan, with each building having a capacity of 70 children and two matrons in charge. There are in all 16 units on the grounds which are 126 acres in extent. During the past year the average of 468 guests were maintained at an average cost of \$209.39 each. A junior high-school in addition to the grade school has been provided for the children.

By the adoption of the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, a permanent trial committee of three with qualification of Judge of the Circuit Court, was set up for the purpose of hearing trials of any officer of a lodge and controversies between lodges. Their power is that of the judicial power of Grand Lodge, and final, except by appeal. An unanimous ballot for a candidate, and provision for dual membership were other regulations adopted. In connection with the latter, the lodge of which the brother was first a member shall pay all Grand Lodge dues and assessments upon the brother, other lodges being exempt when reporting him as being covered by the first lodge of which he is a member.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the blanket bond system for Secretaries and Treasurers of subordinate lodges was adopted. Grand Lodge contracts for the bond covering an average of \$500 per lodge throughout the jurisdiction, while the lodge determines the amount to be covered for itself.

We cannot see any virtue in the resolution adopted permitting a subordinate lodge upon resolution to nominate one of its members for an elective office in Grand Lodge and mail copies of same to other lodges and Masons in the State, setting out the brother's qualifications.

We should be glad to know the source of the following beautiful poem found in the report of Necrology:

The good knight sleeps where the daisies nod,
And the clover hangs its head,
And the wild bird comes and the wild bee hums
Above his lowly bed.
He fought the fight—he kept the faith—
His fame shines bright and clear,
And his memory lives in loving hearts
Which will hold it ever dear,
The good knight sleeps.

The winter snow shall wrap his couch
In a mantle broad and white,
A spotless robe for a spotless soul
Who has kept his armor bright;
And the burning stars which nightly watch
And keep guard over all,
Shall keep the grave where the good knight waits
To rise at the Master's call.

We miss the review of Alberta in the correspondence report.
Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hanson Peterson.
Grand Secretary, Fred W. Hardwick.

V.H.M.

LOUISIANA

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was held in their new Masonic Temple in New Orleans, February 7, 1927.

Grand Lodge was opened in the third degree in Ample Form by M.W. Bro. J. Paul Haller, Grand Master. Twelve Past Grand Masters were in attendance; the senior one, M.W. Bro. George W. Bolton, was Grand Master thirty-four years ago. It was mentioned that this veteran Mason had installed in his own lodge, his son and his grandson and the speaker hoped he would yet install his great grandson as Master of the lodge.

During the proceedings, the Grand Representatives were formally welcomed by the Grand Master in a brief speech closing with the Grand Honors. The Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida replied for the representatives and also concluded by extending the Grand Honors. This formal and ceremonious expression of good will between jurisdictions representing world-wide Masonic Brotherhood is worth while. It makes those who witness it, as well as those who take part in it, feel that they are all initiated in an Order that stands for the same precious things for humanity, wherever it is located all over the globe.

It was a proud day for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, this seventh day of February, meeting as they did in their new Temple, which had only been dedicated the day before. It was practically completed in the year, the corner stone having been laid a year previous. The Temple stands close to the site of their first lodge in Louisiana, then outside of the city boundaries, where they were compelled to meet at that time because "Masonry was banned from the community proper,"

and this condition continued until Louisiana was admitted into the Union, a reminder of the trials and difficulties under which our Fraternity labored in early days and which still exists for Masons in some countries.

The Grand Master found that relief work took much of his time and attention. He observes that too many seemed to regard the Order as a "Sick Benefit Society, an entirely erroneous view of Masonry." His opinion is that lodges should be much more careful in selecting their material; that they should see to it that any applicant is in a position to meet his dues and assessments without inflicting hardship on his dependents, and that he has been and can be reasonably certain of being able to maintain himself and his dependents. As a remedy he proposes that an applicant be required to answer certain questions which he sets out and recommends the adoption of by Grand Lodge. This form of Questionnaire would inform the lodge of the applicant's standing from the viewpoint of his independence and ability to keep his family and himself, if trouble came in the shape of sickness, or loss of employment, at least for a reasonable time.

There is no question that too many improvident and careless men find their way into lodges because of slackness in this regard. "Good fellows" many of them are and the lodges accept them without ever thinking of the liabilities they take on by so doing, not alone for themselves but for all the rest of the membership.

In Masonic relief work, this Grand Lodge has an organization which is unique, "The Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1", organized originally as a Relief Board in 1848, during the Yellow Fever epidemics. It functioned so successfully that it was formed into a lodge and chartered in 1851, but is restricted to relief work. For seventy-five years it has had a continuous existence administering to the needs of sojourning Masons.

The reports of the W.M. and the Secretary of this Relief Lodge give some idea of the extent of their operations. The Master who was first elected in 1913 and has been W.M. ever since, says the work undertaken last year was greater than the work of relief for the previous two years. The Secretary, who is also the Grand Secretary, reports a total expenditure including expenses of \$12,714.31.

The Grand Master reports twenty-two Rulings and Decisions. Several were inquiries respecting physical defects. Only one was allowed. That was a case which would not hinder the candidate in conforming to requirements. Three were on applications for dimit, and it was ruled that current assessments by the lodge or Grand Lodge must be paid, as well as dues, before a dimit can be issued. However, a distinction was made as to lodge assessments, which seems fair and equitable. Lodge had made an assessment of \$20.00, payable in installments of \$4.00 per annum. It was ruled that full assessment must be paid and possibly Grand Lodge per capita of \$2.00 as the members application made in December could not be acted on till the January meeting, which took him into the new year, but he ruled that dues for the new year could not be charged. The other case was where a lodge had levied an assessment for building purposes. The lodge had fixed the assessment for the year at \$15.00 and had left the amount of future assessments undetermined. It was ruled that the year's assessment only, with the dues must be paid to obtain dimit.

There were a number of dispensations issued, quite a number being for conferring degrees out of time, i.e., to confer the Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees at one and the same time, the candidates

being sailormen. In one case, all three degrees were conferred on a Naval man whose ship was in port for only a short time. How these candidates learn much of the workings of Masonry is a mystery. Certainly not from the brief but busy few hours they spend in the lodge room, and if they visit any lodges when on their travels how do they get on with the examining brethren? Or suppose they meet some member of a clandestine organization, what happens? I suppose very urgent reasons can be adduced as to why men should be admitted and receive the degrees all at once; but I think the reasons against the proceeding are much more consistent and cogent. A number of dispensations to hold Public Installation of Officers were issued, "provided that the opening and closing of the lodge and the investiture of the W. M. were privately conducted." In Alberta we have a fondness for attending Divine Service clothed as Masons, for which dispensations must be issued and generally with some reluctance. The other two occasions when we appear in public, are laying of corner stones and funerals. The installation ceremony should, to my mind, be as private as any other proceeding of a lodge of Masons. The lodge is prepared and its furnishing is the same as for the ordinary meetings. Why should the profane be admitted to see and hear a ceremonial in which they can have no interest but that of curiosity or perhaps a vain hope that they may penetrate to the mysteries? Customs grow, however, because of some cause unnoticed at the time. Thus commenced and established, they are difficult to break away from. No doubt we have some ourselves which are along the same lines.

The Grand Master laid three corner stones "in due and ancient form," constituted one lodge and made many visitations. He speaks in terms of commendation on the work of the D.D.G.M.'s of whom there are sixty-six for fifty-seven districts, none of whom have more than five lodges in their districts and some have but two. I suppose it is impossible to include their reports in the proceedings, but we miss a lot of good matter, I don't doubt.

"This Grand Lodge has declared itself in favor of the public schools of our country," says the Grand Master, "Our public schools are a branch of our Government, and it is the duty of every Mason to support them and to see that they are properly administered." He gave permission to the New Orleans Public School League to send literature pertaining to public schools to the lodges in the State.

The Grand Secretary reports "with pleasure" that all of the lodges have reported and have paid the required dues and fees. He has something which is almost a record in that. It has been the one standard complaint of Grand Secretaries, from time immemorial, "lodges fail to make returns."

Grand Lodge has in operation a Masonic Home for Children. This Home has not been in existence very long, it is true, but they are caring for ninety-four children and the Grand Master says of his visit to the Institution that he found conditions most satisfactory. The Superintendent's report shows cost of operation per child as \$672.00 per annum. The children attend the public schools in Alexandria, being conveyed to and from school in buses. The Home is very well equipped, has a farm attached on which the boys assist in the work and get some training at the same time.

The Committee on Appeal and Grievances give a detailed report, very much in full: lodge's names, charges and findings. I much prefer the way some committees made their reports in the printed proceedings; one cannot identify lodge or individual. These full and detailed

reports in the hands "of those that hate us" can be used to the great detriment of the Craft.

The Roster of the entire jurisdiction takes up a great deal of the space in the proceedings and as the Grand Master suggested might well be left out and the cost of printing used for a more needed service. But apparently Grand Lodge did not concur as it is still in the volume.

Their oldest lodge, Perfect Union, received its charter from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, as Parfaite Union No. 29, in the year 1793. It is now No. 1. The next oldest is oddly enough named "Polar Star," is also No. 1 and also located in New Orleans, dating from 1794. The name seems odd in the far South, but it probably was named by sailormen.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, John A. Davilla, a brother who is concerned in many Masonic activities and yet finds time somehow to attend to them well. Alberta receives fraternal notice, quoting Grand Master Carruthers' opening remarks of his address, giving a retrospect of our progress in twenty-one years. He also quotes from the Grand Secretary's Report, and has a kindly word for the Correspondence committee.

Edwin Franklin Gayle, Grand Master.

John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary, New Orleans, La.

J.H.W.S.K.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Communication was opened in Ample Form in the Masonic Temple in the City of Portland on Tuesday the third day of May, 1927, the M.W. Grand Master, David L. Wilson presiding.

There were 254 delegates representing 189 of the 206 lodges also representatives of a lodge under dispensation, six of the eight living Past Grand Masters, 32 out of the other 41 permanent members and 45 of the 58 representatives of other Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master in his address, after a few preliminary words, takes up the condition of the Fraternity and what he says is food for considerable thought and it is a subject to which other Grand Jurisdictions, including Alberta, should, in our opinion, give very serious attention. It is the large number of suspensions for non payment of dues. Some few are re-instated but the great majority are lost.

He says: "I do not think that we have seen the end of the reaction from those days of misguided zeal in war time, when men were made Masons with an enthusiasm that was more short-sighted than commendable. It takes more than the privilege to wear the lambshin, or an emblem on the coat lapel to make a Mason, and our lodges are well rid of the men whose interest has been so lax as to bring about their suspension. When the pruning process has been done thoroughly, the vine produces better results. And when brethren who care so little for their Masonic privileges that they will not keep themselves in good standing are denied those privileges, and brethren who bring disgrace upon the good and proud name of Masonry are given their deserts, the Craft will not suffer from such procedure, but will find itself ultimately in better and healthier condition."

We agree in the main with this, but we feel that there is more than "the reaction from those days of misguided zeal in war time" to account for so large a number of suspensions. Why the indifference? Perhaps it is because Masonry is so cheap. We are apt to value things according to their monetary value. Where dues are one dollar a year as is the actual fact in some lodges it surely is not due to the expense that suspensions occur.

The Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity report:

"In many lodges the dues fail to produce enough revenue. One dollar does seem small and we trust that these lodges will be able to increase their dues in the near future. Charity seems to take second place with amusements and suppers. Very few lodges have a charity fund. Many lodges have over fifty per cent delinquents. One lodge reports all, but four of its members delinquents. Is the fault in the system?"

There is nothing further about this matter in the proceedings. In this jurisdiction of Alberta the percentage of suspensions for non-payment of dues is higher than in Maine. We are trying to find out the cause with little success so far.

In Maine last year there were 413 suspensions and 74 reinstated. In Alberta 226 suspensions with 56 reinstated.

"Who can suggest a remedy? Something can and must be done to create a greater interest in the lodge. Amusements and suppers have failed evidently as there is no lacking of them in the lodges," the committee says. Yet we are sure that these do help. If all the time of the lodge were occupied with ritual and charity the suspensions would be greater. If we mix our work with a reasonable amount of entertainment we will have greater interest than if all work or all play.

During the year Maine lost a Past Grand Master, two Past Grand Wardens and its Grand Tyler.

The Grand Master refers to the two great calamities which overtook the United States during the year—the Florida hurricane and the Mississippi flood. Realizing that he who gives quickly gives double, the Grand Master at once sent two hundred and fifty dollars to Florida and five hundred dollars to the aid of the flood sufferers.

He cites several decisions he made during the year. Most of the questions asked he says could have been answered by reading the Text Book. He held that the request to confer the third degree upon a candidate who had received the first two degrees in a lodge in Italy could not be granted as the Grand Lodge of Maine had never recognized any Grand Lodge in Italy.

He ruled that lodge funds could be used only for Masonic purposes.

A Master of a lodge solicited the Grand Master's help for a brother who had been travelling in a foreign country and became involved in court proceedings following an automobile accident which resulted in the death of a woman. We give his answer:

"Our Grand Secretary has forwarded your letter to me in which you describe the plight in which Brother finds himself. I am sure it must be a trying experience for him, especially as the death of a woman is involved in the unfortunate accident. But I do not see wherein Masonry can be of any help to him in his dilemma. If the accident was not due to his negligence, I have no doubt the courts will exonerate him. But if he was criminally negligent, and his carelessness has resulted in such a tragedy what possible influence could the Grand

Master of Masons in Maine exert, to secure his immunity from the law? I can conceive of nothing that can be more detrimental to our Fraternity, than to have the impression prevail that the Craft could or would exert any such unwholesome influence. Masonry does not stand for any attempt at interference with the law of the land, or for any effort to exert an influence to bring about a favorable decision for one involved in dealings with that law. We must never make of Masonry even the slightest attempt to influence the deliberations of the Courts of the land, and if any of our brethren have any such thought whatever that the Craft can be used for any such purpose, the sooner their minds are disabused of the idea, the better it will be for them and the Fraternity. Sincerely I hope that our brother may be able to clear himself of any violation of law which brought about such a tragedy, and may soon be able to proceed to his home and vocation. If he needs testimonials of his personal character and worth, why not have his friends of your neighborhood who know him and know his worth, write them for him. But do not try to bring any Masonic influence to bear in the matter. At the very outset, that would be unmasonic and unworthy of the great name we bear as Masons."

Every Mason will agree with this. We have heard it said so many times that the accused would not be punished, or his punishment will be lightened because he is a Mason. As the Grand Master says nothing could be more detrimental to Masonry. Masonry is not a cloak that criminals can shelter behind and escape the punishment due to them. We sometimes think that enough is not said to counteract this feeling by people who are not Masons, yet a case is seldom heard of. With many years experience in the Criminal and Civil Courts we have heard of only one attempt and that was by the wife of a Mason writing to get a son clear from a charge of theft. There was nothing to show that the husband knew anything about the letter, and it is quite probable that he did not, for he would know, or should know, that such would be much more likely to have the opposite effect to what was intended. There is no doubt, but what such attempts should be dealt with severely, for it is of the utmost importance to have the public know that Masonry does not in any way protect or improperly assist any member to escape justice for any wrong done.

The Committee on Jurisprudence makes this comment on this part of the Grand Master's address:

"Any attempt by Masonry to interfere with the due process of law in order to assist any member of the Fraternity is almost unthinkable. A person of sufficient intelligence to be made a Mason, who has been admonished in every degree to be obedient to the laws of the country in which he resides should be less entitled to our consideration than one who has never had the benefit of Masonic instruction. Masonry must, and Masons should, conform and submit to the civil laws."

The Grand Master ruled that while there was no law against, yet it was the wisest course to use Masonic Halls for Masonic purposes only. This was in answer to a question if a Masonic Hall could be used for card parties under the auspices of the Eastern Star.

At a stated meeting the first degree was to be worked, but the candidate did not arrive until after the meeting had closed. Then The W.M. immediately called a special meeting and initiated the candidate. The Grand Master ruled that the W.M. could legally call the special meeting and confer the degree; but he thought it a very bad precedent to establish. The Committee on Jurisprudence are pleased that the Grand Master called it "a very bad precedent."

It seems to us that the wiser course for the Master to have taken would have been to have refused. The candidate, by being late, showed discourtesy to the lodge and there was some punishment coming to him.

This Grand Lodge requires only fourteen days between degrees. The Grand Master had thirteen applications to shorten this time. He granted four and refused nine. On this the Committee on Jurisprudence has this to say:

"We commend the Grand Master for granting so few dispensations to work degrees with less time than the required lapse of fourteen days between. Each case appears to have been particularly meritorious, yet such necessity could ordinarily be avoided by a little foresight."

It is only a short time ago that this jurisdiction required any time between degrees so that it is to be expected that numerous applications for dispensations would be received by the Grand Master. As the years pass the requests will be fewer and practically disappear. As the Committee says a little foresight would avoid the necessity. The time between degrees is too short and should in our humble opinion be doubled. It will make better Masons by allowing ample time for the lessons of one degree to be fully digested before others are given. We have heard of a candidate who was initiated in July and took his thirty second early in November so he could join the Shrine at their ceremonial on the eleventh day of November. What he could absorb in his gallop through the degrees would be infinitesimal.

The Grand Master gives a list of the visits he made during the year and is loud in his praise of his reception, not only in his own Jurisdiction, but when he ventured into more distant scenes. He recommends against joining the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, but last year this Grand Lodge donated \$400 to this good work and \$300 for this year.

He closes his admirable address with these words:

"Let us never forget that the crowning glory of Freemasonry is not in its forms and ceremonies, but in the sterling character it seeks to implant in the lives of its members. Therefore may we give ourselves anew to the efforts to express that character, that we may thus honor the God of our fathers and our God; that we may be of real service to our day and generation, and that we may develop within ourselves that quality which will fit us eventually to abide in that 'tabernacle not made with hands eternal in the heavens'."

The Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Chas. B. Davis reports the institution of a new lodge, the first in ten years. He also says that members in three or four other places have written for information about the formation of new lodges. This is most promising. The Grand Secretary also reports that the regulation adopted last year requiring that one degree at least be conferred by the electing lodge before request can be made has apparently worked no hardship on any one.

The Report on Correspondence is written by M.W. Bro. Ashley A. Smith, P.G.M., and, as we had every reason to expect, owing to past work on this committee, is a masterpiece. We always look for his foreword and are never disappointed. We think this year, under the title, "Magna est Veritas" he has excelled all past records.

Alberta receives generous treatment at his hands.

Lodges, 207 Members, March 1st, 1927, 43,749. Increase for the year, 264.

David L. Wilson was re-elected M.W. Grand Master.

Chas. B. Davis was re-elected R.W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

MARYLAND

The Grand Lodge of Maryland held its Semi-Annual Communication at Baltimore, May 10, 1927. The principal business of this communication would appear to be the consideration of the matter of their Masonic Home, the site for which was selected by the Board of Trustees after six months of investigation and consideration. These old New England States rejoice in numbers of quaintly and picturesque named places, reminiscent of the Old Land from whence they originated. The site is "Bonnie Blink Farm", near "Cockeysville," on the "York and Worthington Valley Roads," I'll warrant me a pretty place with lovely views. The resolutions confirming the choice and closing the deal for "Bonnie Blink Farm" and twenty acres adjoining, were approved at a purchase price of \$45,000.00 for the farm and \$190.00 per acre for the adjoining land, also giving authority to proceed with the drawing of plans and arrangements for construction, erection, furnishing, maintenance and equipment of necessary buildings, etc.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended Grand Lodge should take the first step towards Masonic recognition of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, being convinced that "it is a regular Grand Lodge governing itself according to the ancient customs and usages of Masonry." The committee also considered requests for recognition from two organizations unnamed, but not having had any answer to their inquiries, offered no recommendation. They also warned Maryland Masons against visiting "American Lodge of Paris" or any other lodge in France, as "Maryland does not acknowledge the regularity of any so-called Masonic Grand Lodge in France."

A committee appointed to consider certain recommendations made by the Grand Lecturer at the previous communication, reported adversely on his recommendation that the "Examination of Senior Wardens be held prior to the Annual Election and only those passing a satisfactory examination to be eligible for election, provided this rule shall not apply to Past Masters re-elected to the East." He further recommended "that the Assistant Grand Lecturers be empowered to pass upon the eligibility of Senior Wardens for the office of W.M. in various lodges outside of the City of Baltimore." The committee, very properly, "believes that this would not only be contrary to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland but contrary to the principles and practices of Masonry, and subversive of the best interests of subordinate lodges, in that it would place the selection of the Worshipful Master in the hands of the Assistant Grand Lecturer, instead of really being elected by a vote of his lodge, where we believe it belongs." The report was adopted. The committee might well have said more.

The work of the Grand Lecturers in this jurisdiction covers a good deal of the work done in Alberta by our D.D.G.M.'s. They hold Lodges of Instruction and visit and give instruction in the lodges to members generally and specially to the officers. In addition there is a very active Library Committee, who provide lectures on Masonic subjects, bringing them sometimes from distant points. They have a Study Club and a well equipped library, with a reading room where Masonic periodicals are available to members. The brethren of Maryland should be well posted Masons.

The 141st Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Maryland was held in Baltimore, November 15, 1927. M.W. Bro. Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master.

Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master's address was brief. He mentions the excellence and importance of the work done by the Grand Lecturers and Inspec-

tors; the acquisition of "Bonnie Blink Farm," which was purchased and maintained since out of Grand Lodge funds, "Not one cent taken from contributions towards the "Home Fund."

He quotes the membership of Maryland as 33,235, a gain of 300 for six months.

He strongly recommended revision of the law concerning reinstatement after suspension for N.P.D. He believed a time limit should be placed upon every member beyond which dues should not be allowed to accumulate, and that every member should be required to show their dues card before being admitted into any lodge, including their own. He also says, "Every lodge should so conduct its affairs that it will not be dependent upon money received from initiation fees to pay its expenses."

They have made a start with their Masonic Home Fund. It stands at \$200,965.03, which the Board of Trustees point out is just about one-eighth of the amount required for the proper support of the Home. They estimate an endowment fund of \$1,500,000.00 necessary, or \$50.00 per capita, and they plead for a vigorous effort being put forth to attain their objective.

Grand Lodge approved of the Grand Master's recommendations by passing resolutions, that: (1) A member two years in arrears for dues must be suspended for N.P.D. by the W.M., and (2) All members and visitors seeking admission to a lodge must present a dues receipt card for the current year, except by permission of the W.M.

Bonnie Blink Farm was equipped with a dining room and thrown open for inspection by the membership, who are invited to come and see for themselves the property they own. Dinners are furnished at \$1.50 per person, and while this method is not profitable the management believe the advantages gained by exhibiting the site of the Home will justify the expenditure.

The report on Correspondence is by R.W. Bro. Henry Branch. Alberta's proceedings must have failed to reach his office. His report is always kindly and interesting; his comments, even when he cannot approve, seem to have been written with a pleasant smile.

M.W. Bro. Warren S. Siepp, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. George Cook, Grand Secretary, Baltimore.

J.H.W.S.K.

MASSACHUSETTS

Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year 1927 were held on March 9, June 8, September 14 and December 14, the last being the Annual Communication for the year.

M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson presided over these meetings and also over the Stated Communication held on December 27, 1927 in celebration of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

Sixteen Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year on the occasions of the special anniversaries of four lodges, the constitution of three lodges, the dedication of four Masonic Temples, the laying of the Corner Stones of three Masonic Temples and one Church and the Masonic funeral of R.W. Bro. Benjamin F. Arrington, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

At the Quarterly Communication held on the ninth day of March, 1927, the M.W. Grand Master discussed at considerable length the question of suspension of a brother from the enjoyment of all Masonic rights and privileges for a specified term and he quoted with approval the rule laid down by R.W. Bro. Charles W. Moore in volume XIV of Moore's Freemasons' Magazine on page 134 as follows:

"However the matter may be regarded by others, to us it is an alarming doctrine, that a suspended brother, without any evidence of repentance or reformation, at the end of a stated period may return to his lodge, and claim as a right, which may not be denied him, his seat and privileges as a member in good and regular standing, even though he come straight from the Penitentiary. Such a principle is fraught with too many evils to be recognized in Masonic practice. As said in our last—suspension is exclusion from the Institution; and reformation, not time, must govern the restoration. This is the only correct rule, as it is the only safe one."

Another question discussed at length was the matter of release of jurisdiction which appears to have become very prevalent in this state. The Grand Master formulated the following rule as the proper test of releasing jurisdiction, namely: "That such release be not asked for or granted except where attendance upon the meetings of a lodge located in the place of the applicant's residence is practically impossible or, at least, seriously inconvenient."

The Grand Master expressed the view that every Mason ought to be familiar with the structure of the government of our Institution, and with the common rules which govern the conduct of the individual Mason, and urged Worshipful Masters to see that those portions of the Constitution dealing with these matters be read in their lodges at regular intervals.

A request for fraternal recognition of "The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Egypt" was considered but no action was taken by the Grand Lodge.

At the Quarterly Communication held on June 8th the Grand Master reported the holding of a Lodge of Instruction in Boston on May 27, 1927, under the warrant issued by him to the lodges in the first district for that purpose. This lodge of instruction is reported as having been very successful from the standpoints of attendance and educational value. The object sought in these meetings is referred to as extra-ritualistic instruction.

The Grand Master also made reference to the devastation created by the floods in the Mississippi Basin and reported the various steps taken by Massachusetts towards relief for the brethren in the flood areas. The Grand Lodge contributed fifteen thousand dollars and the Lodges of the Jurisdiction over thirty-six thousand. Down to September 14, 1927, total Masonic voluntary contributions from Massachusetts exclusive of the Grand Lodge contribution amounted to practically forty thousand dollars.

At the Quarterly Meeting held on September 14, the Grand Master submitted a budget for the year 1928, approximating three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

From the report of the proceedings of the Annual Communication held on December 14, it appears that the Grand Lodge held real-estate of the value of one million, six hundred thousand dollars, and that the Masonic Education and Charity Trust held trust funds as of November 1, 1927, at approximately one million seven hundred thousand dollars. At this communication the Grand Master referred to the disastrous

floods which had occurred in New England and the efforts made to extend relief to the brethren in the areas affected.

The Grand Master also referred to additional Lodges of Instruction which had been held since the first Lodge of Instruction above mentioned and the Grand Master strongly urged the adoption of the Lodge of Instruction in all districts of the jurisdiction stating that many experienced and devoted brethren not only in Massachusetts but also in other jurisdictions confidently believe that a fair trial of the Lodge of Instruction will bring the success along Educational lines which they have long been so earnestly seeking.

In concluding his address at the annual gathering the Grand Master said:

"Our activities seem to me to reveal the heart and spirit of our Craft. They indicate a lively interest in those attributes of Freemasonry which had made it the significant Institution that it is in the world. They deal with the realities and indicate the sincerity and high purpose of the thousands of men who are developing in themselves high types of character by the exercise of qualities which tend to develop personality through the serving of others."

It seems that the average cost per individual guest of maintaining the Masonic Home is approximately nine hundred dollars.

We quote from the address of M.W. Bro. Simpson, Grand Master, delivered at the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist on December 27, 1927:

"From time to time in our intercourse during the past two years stress has been laid, in addresses before you, upon the purpose of this Craft to develop character in men. The pages of our history, both Masonic and political, are full of the deeds of the sacrifices of the service, of men whose ideals, and indeed whose characters have undoubtedly been moulded by their contact with this beneficent Institution.

"It is difficult to measure the utility of a Craft of such antiquity as ours, that not only is founded upon ideals of brotherhood, relief, truth, prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice, but also which aims constantly to bring those ideals before our minds and upon our hearts; so that in our ordinary contacts with the world we shall reflect those ideals and react to the better and the higher things of life, rather than that we should react to the impulses of sordid selfishness and greed.

"I say it is quite impossible to measure the usefulness of such an institution; but I invite to your attention, as a fair test of that usefulness, a consideration of the loss to the world if suddenly Freemasonry should be blotted out of existence.

"There is always difficulty in an attempt to measure or to appraise the value of the finer things of life. We are so accustomed to measure things in the terms of tangible values that it becomes almost impossible for us to convert those terms of measurement into an estimate of the value of the ideals which are the springs of human conduct and which are the basis upon which civilization and culture rest."

On the same occasion M.W. Bro. Winfield S. Solomon, Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island, discussed the problem presented by the large membership of many lodges and expressed the opinion that the solution lay in the sub-division of or swarming off from these large lodges of groups of Masons to form new lodges.

At this same Feast, R.W. Bro. Allan H. Grout, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, gave a graphic account of the conditions created by the recent serious floods in Vermont.

M.W. Bro. David L. Wilson, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Maine in the course of his address, quoted with approval the statement of Grand Master Simpson that, "Masonry's business is the development of character in the individual." He went on to say:

"That is the superb contribution which Freemasonry has to make to the life of the world. It has no contribution, we believe in Maine, to make en masse. It has no particular interest in any kind of cult but it has a tremendous interest in instilling into the hearts of individuals those great cardinal principles, brotherly love, relief, and friendship; the love of God, of country and our fellowman."

Total membership 123,425. Net loss 335.

M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

MICHIGAN

The Fifty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held in the City of Grand Rapids on Tuesday, the 24th day of May, A.D. 1927. M.W. Bro. Charles A. Donaldson, Grand Master, presided. Nineteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The Grand Representatives of 54 Grand Jurisdictions were present, Alberta being represented by R.W. Bro. W. H. Gallagher.

An address of welcome to the Grand Lodge was delivered by W. Bro. Fred Locke, City Manager of the City of Grand Rapids to which a suitable response was made by M.W. Bro. Louis H. Fead; P.G.M.

The Grand Master's address was a brief but inspiring message to Grand Lodge. The Grand Master extended a very cordial greeting to the members of Grand Lodge assembled from all parts of the jurisdiction and in particular welcomed the new members who were in attendance for the first time.

Among the special events mentioned by the Grand Master were his attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters of United States at Chicago, November 16th, 1926, and his presence at the Annual Installation of the Officers of Great Western Lodge No. 47 at Windsor, Ontario, on January 6th, 1927, when he was welcomed into that lodge by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

In company with other distinguished brethren from Michigan the Grand Master attended the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia, on February 23, 1927. M.W. Bro. Donaldson spoke eloquently of the impressions received by him while in attendance at this meeting and earnestly bespoke a continuance of the moral and financial support of the Grand Lodge of Michigan to this most worthy and deserving project.

Another subject very ably dealt with by the Grand Master was the work of the Educational Committee. We quote:

"We are living, brethren, in the most enlightened age in all the history of mankind. People are seeking knowledge as never before. The past is being opened up to us by the students of antiquity. Philo-

sophy is giving away to facts based upon the truth. Knowledge is no longer the property of a select few—it is universal. Masonry is one of the oldest institutions of our civilization. It came into being long before the days of our first Grand Master, King Solomon, and it was only through his works that it was given to mankind as a rule and guide by which to labor. We should know more of its origin, its purposes and its symbolism. This Grand Lodge owes it to every Master Mason in our jurisdiction to furnish him the opportunity of Masonic education. There are hundreds of brethren in our lodges who are hungry for Masonic knowledge. Heretofore we have treated the subject passively. Now we must treat it as an active need, as one of the essentials necessary to the continued success of the Order."

"I ask your most sincere and careful consideration of this project. The work of our Educational Committee has disclosed an urgent need of Masonic education. If we are to continue this work, we must do it in a thorough, well-systematized manner, and if the results in the future may at all be based upon what has been accomplished, I think you will find that anything you do will be for the betterment of the Craft."

During the year the Grand Master issued two edicts on matters of importance. In the first he declared, "that the use of these emblems, as used by the Free and Accepted Masons of the State under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge itself, is un-Masonic conduct, and any Master Mason using them in other than Masonic organizations as above defined will be guilty of un-Masonic conduct and will be subject to all the penalties for that offense." In the second he ordered, "that no publication of any kind sponsored, authorized or supervised by a constituent lodge or representative thereof in this jurisdiction, shall hereafter carry in its reading matter or advertisements, any notices of any candidacies for public office or discussion of controversial political subjects." Both edicts were approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master made two recommendations of general importance: First, "that the use of the Compass and Square and Letter 'G', the insignia of Free and Accepted Masons, used upon the radiator of an automobile or elsewhere other than as a personal adornment become a Masonic offense in this jurisdiction." Second, "That the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary advise all the Grand Secretaries of the jurisdiction now recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction that none of our constituent lodges will be obligated for an expenditure for immediate relief for any brother member of this jurisdiction or member of said constituent lodge in an amount of more than \$100.00 unless they are further authorized by the interested lodge." The concluding peroration of his address is one that every Mason should read and appreciate.

Appendant to the Grand Master's address was a statistical report giving particulars of his official acts and activities during the year.

"Masonry must stand by those established institutions which have made for the Christian civilization which we enjoy; it must stand by our National traditions and fortify law and order. There is a growing disrespect for much that is sound and right in our society. There is a lack of reverence among old and young and a tendency to shift responsibility. Masonry, more than any other organization on earth, is founded on the principles of right as against wrong. We cannot take our Masonic vows without a consciousness that if we live up to those vows we are making a contribution to our society. We should not take our Masonic vows before the altar without taking

them into our daily lives. Our civilization is merely an expression of our thoughts, our ideals and our aims. No matter how high and noble they may be, they avail us nothing unless we avail ourselves of it. Masonry is an education of the individual. It is a training ground where we may become better men, better citizens. Let us look well to our Order. It is one of the most priceless possessions of our society."

From the report of the Board of Control of the Michigan Masonic Home it appears the expenditure for the year was \$73,172.77; that the number of residents in the Home was 101, of whom 63 were men and 38 were women. There were 18 admissions during the year and 18 deaths. It would appear that the average cost per resident was about \$730.00 per year.

This Grand Lodge also follows the plan of extending assistance to cases of need of distress, the recipients of which are not members or residents in the Masonic Home. This is done through the Outside Relief Fund from which the sum of \$46,479.32 was distributed in the year under review to 182 beneficiaries, being an average per case of \$225.38. The demands on this fund have shown a steady increase since the commencement of this work. It is described in the report as the clearest and most fit method for dispensing Masonic Relief and assistance to needy Masons and their families that has ever been put into practice.

We quote the following interesting paragraph from the report of the Commission on Masonic Education:

"This year, our work has followed somewhat different lines. We have realized that Masonic Education is an individual thing. It informs the individual, its success rests with the individual Mason. The realization of this fact by the Commission has resulted in an entirely different method of approach during the present year. The spoken word has been supplemented more and more by the printed word. For this reason, the celebrations of anniversaries and the furnishing of anniversary programs, which was so much emphasized last year, has been supplemented during the year just closed, by supplying in greater degree to the Craft, booklets, leaflets, etc."

We find that 453 lodges now have a local lodge committee on Masonic Education. Also that the 50 sets of Travelling Libraries have been in constant demand and a substantial increase in the number of these is recommended. In concluding its report this Commission makes the following statement:

"In its last analysis, Masonry is a system of better living. Our fathers imbedded the corner stone of general education in the body of our governmental fabric because they realized that, with expanded intelligence come loftier impulse and cleaner life.

"So, your Commission's ultimate hope is that, through our various means of education in the real principles and purposes of Masonry, the minds, hearts and consciences of our Craft may be so quickened to their moral, social and civic responsibilities that our Masons may be finer, fairer, more earnest husbands, fathers, brethren, citizens, because of the work which we are doing."

An outstanding feature of this report is the Obituary Report by R.W. Bro. William H. Gallagher, the Grand Chaplain. We could wish that every Mason in Alberta and elsewhere might be privileged to read this report, which is excellent in diction, beautiful in sentiment and instructive in wisdom.

We learn with pleasure that the Grand Chaplain has been twenty years in official association with the Grand Lodge of Michigan which fact was happily celebrated by the Grand Lodge making a presentation to R.W. Bro. Gallagher accompanied by many appreciative expressions of the untiring, faithful and helpful services rendered by him over that long period.

In reading of the "Trinity" one ardently wishes for the opportunity to meet them in the flesh, particularly in the happy surroundings afforded by the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge at Michigan which through a large part of its proceedings bears all the indicia of a genuine love feast.

Grand Lodge voted the sum of \$12,000.00 for the work of the Commission on Masonic Education being an amount equal to eight cents per capita of the membership.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by R.W. Bro. William H. Gallagher and is excellent in its literary quality, mild in its criticism and filled with Masonic lore and wisdom.

The Reviewer is the representative near the Grand Lodge of Michigan of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and dealt with us in a very kindly spirit. Alberta feels proud that it has such a distinguished Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge which is rapidly becoming one of the largest and most influential jurisdictions in the Masonic world.

Total membership, 149,128. Net gain, 2,873.

M.W. Bro. George W. Graves, Detroit, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, Grand Rapids, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

MINNESOTA

Seventy-fourth Annual Communication held at St. Paul, January 19th and 20th, 1927.

In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. Albert F. Pray, Grand Master.

The general tone of the Minnesota report is a reflection of the even and happy tenor of their ways.

Among the Grand Representatives welcomed, Alberta was present in the person of Bro. Edwin J. Simon.

The Grand Master's address is a modest catalogue of a very busy year's work. Most of his subject matter is of local interest and into this we will not intrude.

One or two of his decisions and opinions are of general interest.

He disapproved of the exemplification of the work by lodges from another jurisdiction.

He denied permission to lodges to lease lodge rooms to non-Masonic organizations.

He rules, under their code, that when a petition has been received and referred it cannot be withdrawn without the unanimous consent of the lodge.

Dealing with the question of trials and individual delinquency, he says:

"If we are to justify the prerequisites for admission, we must punish the unworthy member as promptly as we would reject his petition for admission."

A suggestion for a Grand Lodge publication is one which has been considered in our own jurisdiction but not yet acted on. M.W. Bro. Pray's suggestion covers the ground fully and we quote it for reference:

"A large majority of our membership are uninformed on subjects essential to the full enjoyment of the privileges of Masonry as well as their duties to the lodge and each other.

"The published proceedings of the Grand Lodge, though on file in every lodge room, are seldom available to the membership at large.

"Important regulations and laws are discussed and put into effect at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, all of which would be of interest and benefit to every member of the Fraternity. Hundreds of questions could be answered by simply referring to the proper article and section of the Code.

"The history of our own Grand Lodge, the biography of noted men and their Masonic affiliations, and articles on many subjects could be published in magazine or bulletin form, and sent at least monthly to every member of this Grand Jurisdiction, as part of an educational program.

"Such a publication, owned, controlled and published by this Grand Lodge, could be made to pay for itself if advertising space was sold, or, without advertising it could be issued at no greater cost than has been expended in the past for so-called educational purposes."

A committee of three was appointed to consider the suggestion and report at the next Annual Communication.

On the question of non-affiliates, the Committee on Jurisprudence has this to say:

"A non-affiliated Mason who carries his dimit for a long length of time, without attempting to become affiliated with any Masonic lodge and thereby perform his Masonic duty as a contributing lodge member, is only a Mason in name, and not in fact; and is entitled to little consideration when he seeks to re-establish his Masonic affiliation. That, however, is a question for the petitioned lodge to decide. The brother is entitled to present his petition to any lodge, anywhere, at any time."

The oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, the Rev. M. D. Shutter, D.D., and is a sincere effort to provide soundings for Masons who are bewildered at the current trends of public opinion. While, of necessity, strongly national, there is much of interest to Canadian Masons in the address, which is printed in full.

A feature of the year's work was the laying of the corner stone of the new guest lodge of the Masonic Home. The ceremonies are fully reported and excellent photographs of the exercises embellish the annual proceedings.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence from the able pen of Bro. E. A. Montgomery, includes a short review of Alberta's Proceedings for 1926.

Number of lodges, 332. Total membership, 60,742. Gain, 941.
Next Communication at St. Paul, Wednesday, January 18, 1928.
William R. Smith, Benson, Grand Master.
John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

A.M.M.

MISSISSIPPI

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Free and Accepted Masons, celebrated the One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication in Hattiesburg, on Tuesday, February 15, 1927, with M.W. Bro. John R. Tally as Grand Master and supported by the presence of fourteen of his Past Grand Masters.

Alberta was not represented nor could the name of the representative be found among those listed as such. The name of Bro. H. H. Watts appears on the records in Alberta as the incumbent.

The Grand Master's address is introduced with a brief summary of the teachings and principles of Freemasonry. On the condition of Masonry he regrets the prevalence among a few claiming to be Masons the vices of indifference, intemperance, infidelity, deserting wife and children, gambling and boot-legging. A rigid discipline has been enforced which he hopes will have a salutary effect, but when lenient means have failed the bitterness of the penalty of violated laws will be felt by the transgressors. The moral tone in our institution he states, is gradually improving but iniquity in high places must be sternly rebuked to ensure a healthful growth of the subordinate lodges.

Apparently applications for assistance of distressed Masons are allowed to be passed from lodge to lodge in Mississippi. We are divided into lodges for convenience it is true, but it would seem that what might be termed promiscuous begging is vicious. The Grand Master recommends that such hereafter shall go before the Board of Managers of the Masonic Homes for investigation, where the Grand Secretary can give it his personal inspection. Freemasonry can never hope to supply 100 per cent of the needs of its members. Surely a little frugality on the part of Masons themselves is obligatory. Are Masons as a whole discharging their personal obligation to the Craft to live wisely?

The use of lodge halls for dances in Mississippi either gratuitously or for hire is condemned by the Grand Master on the grounds that some members may not approve of dancing, therefore the common property of the lodge may not be used for purposes objectionable to some. Indeed he threatens to arrest the charter if such an offense comes to his attention. He also recommends against the joint use of halls with other organizations.

Years ago certain Grand Jurisdictions, including Mississippi, severed relations with New Jersey for reasons almost forgotten and anyway the respective jurisdictions knew what they were doing. It was unanimously decided to renew relations.

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Master it was decided to consider a permanent place of abode for the office of the Grand Secretary and the home of Grand Lodge. In the past such have always been wherever the Grand Secretary resided. A commission was formed to investigate the best location and report at the next session.

The Grand Auditor in his report desires to commend the system of penalties in force whereby the subordinate lodges are required to get their reports in promptly. Previous to the infliction of penalties great difficulty was experienced in auditing returns.

The question of physical qualification of candidates is ever old and yet ever new. However, we like very much the report of the Law Committee which says: "It is clearly obvious to the minds of your committee from many of the questions asked with reference to jurisdiction, physical qualifications, and other similar points, which in our

judgment seek to invade the Landmarks of Freemasonry, that some of the brethren are more interested in finding a way around the strict construction of the law, rather than to accept the plain, stern meaning of Masonic law, to wit; that every human being is not eligible to the rights and benefits of Masonry no matter how anxious that human being may be to get into the lodge." And then the Grand Master rather critically remarks in his address that Freemasonry is a working organization and not a hospital.

Among the decisions of the above committee are two of probable interest and with which we agree. The first, that a lodge still has the right to proceed with a trial if the brother has been suspended for non-payment of dues subsequent to the charges being preferred but prior to hearing same. The second, that a lodge may not receive the petition of a minor, in other words he must be the full age of twenty-one years when same is filed and not any time later but prior to receiving the first degree.

Alberta is carefully reviewed in the well written foreign correspondence.

Total membership, 36,402. Gain, 902. Total lodges, 347.
Grand Master, James Henry Johnson.

V.H.M.

MISSOURI

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri convened in Kansas City, 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 25th, 1927.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the M.W. Grand Master, John Pickard.

The annual address of the Grand Master is a very faithful record of his doings during the year. It is pure business. No flowery language, no poetry. In fact it is too plain. The language used is all right, but we do miss the eloquence which usually is found in Grand Masters' addresses.

His opening words are:

"I rise to bid you a hearty welcome to this, the One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and to read the Grand Master's report." That's all—then business. He tells us that the Grand Secretary's office is now complete and all the priceless records are now contained in a fire-proof building.

He says the Grand Lodge Library and Museum are at least two generations behind. He recommends that an effort be made to build up the library and that \$1,000 be appropriated for this work.

He gives a list of 97 days that he visited districts or lodges. Then follows a list of ten laying of corner stones and the dedication of three Masonic Temples and a hall.

He visited the Grand Lodges of Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois. He also attended the annual sessions, in his own state, of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Commandry, Knights Templars, the Grand Chapter O.E.S., and various meetings of the Scottish Rite

Consistories in Kansas City and St. Louis. Then two Conferences of Grand Masters, one in Chicago the other in Washington; then the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. Then I suppose the Grand Master went to church at least once a Sunday. He surely was a busy man during his year of office.

He gives us 23 decisions covering $16\frac{1}{2}$ pages of the Proceedings. He decided that a lodge could not amend its by-laws so as to give any member a reduction in dues of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents for every meeting attended during the year. A lodge cannot remit dues until due and the credit for attending meetings could only go on the next year and dues for that year are not due until January 1st. Who knows, this might solve the problem of so many suspensions for non-payment of dues.

He ruled that, under the Masonic law of Missouri, it is unmasonic conduct to play cards or pool in a Masonic club room on Sunday.

A candidate refused to comply with the penal clause of the obligation and was led out of the lodge. Some time after he realized that he had made a mistake and wished to go on. The Grand Master ruled that this was to the same effect as a black ball. He might petition again in a year's time.

A petitioner for initiation signed the petition at a place in the room where the question is asked, "What is your full name?" and did not sign at the foot or end. The petition was received and the candidate elected and received two degrees before the mistake was discovered. Ruled that as the candidate signed the petition with his own hand the place where he signed is not material. It is the intent that binds.

There were present at a lodge meeting 25 Master Masons. Two candidates were to be balloted for. This was done collectively. Only six ballots were cast and while "bright" was declared illegal. On a re-ballot seven ballots were cast, one black. The W.M. then ordered separate ballots. One candidate was elected, one rejected, and was so declared by the W.M. The Grand Master ruled that the first ballot taken was legal and the others illegal. That both candidates were elected. While seven Master Masons, members, must be present to open a lodge, it was not necessary that all should ballot.

Some jurisdictions require all members present to ballot, unless excused by the Master or a vote of the lodge. This seems to us a wise rule to adopt, as then every member expresses his opinion. In the present case it is evident that one member objected to one of the candidates, but evidently did not at first care to express his objection and refrained from balloting. Evidently on the second ballot he did vote and we have the peculiar situation where a candidate is elected, who, in a subsequent ballot, now declared illegal, was rejected.

He ruled that anyone who advertised insurance "for Masons only" and such expressions, violates the by-laws of Grand Lodge. This forbids the use of the word "Masonic" or any other term, sign or symbol of Freemasonry for commercial or other business enterprises.

The Grand Master ruled that, where a Mason had received his dimity, he could still be tried by the lodge issuing the dimity, if the offense was committed within the jurisdiction of that lodge. The by-laws read, "a lodge shall have jurisdiction to try any Freemason affiliated or unaffiliated for any offense committed within its jurisdiction."

Dual membership either within or without the jurisdiction is not permitted.

He recommends that this jurisdiction refuse to confer the first degree as a courtesy to a foreign Grand Jurisdiction. This is a wise step and the committee on the Grand Master's Address approved of the recommendation.

This Grand Jurisdiction contributed \$2,525 to the relief of the Florida hurricane sufferers. It was for the relief of the sufferers of the Mississippi flood that the Grand Lodge, the subordinate lodges and the individual Masons of Missouri did themselves proud and showed what Masonry can do for relief. Notwithstanding that the jurisdiction suffered itself from the flood and, of course, this portion could not contribute, yet a total of \$31,801.38 was subscribed to this fund.

The Grand Master very feelingly refers to the death of M.W. Bro. Frank R. Jesse, P.G.M., the Grand Secretary, which office he had held for the past seven years. Besides Bro. Jesse, two other P.G. Masters passed to the great beyond.

In closing his address the Grand Master says:

"Now, my brothers, as I bring this report to a close, I wish to make a confession. I am, as you know, by education and training, an archaeologist, a man whose deepest interest lies in the remote past, in the monuments left behind by the men of former times. There was imminent danger that I should become so much interested in the dead past that I should grow out of touch with the living present. Fortunately for me some seventeen years ago I was accepted as a Freemason. From that day to this I have been going up and down this grand old Commonwealth, meeting and associating with that wonderful body of men who compose the great army of Missouri Freemasonry. Thus, I have been brought into close contact with the men of my own state and of my own time. You, my brethren, have heaped honors upon me. As I think of the hundreds and hundreds of friends I have made during these years, I thank God for what Masonry has done for me. In performing the duties of the high office to which you elevated me one year ago I have faithfully tried to serve you well."

The committee on the Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges reported that there were several Grand Jurisdictions requesting recognition, but before dealing with the applications, thought it best to settle certain basic principles and that each Grand Jurisdiction should measure up to these before being recognized. There are nine of these and we think they should be given in full:

"First: That such Grand Body shall have been formed lawfully by three or more regularly constituted lodges, or else it shall have been legalized by Charter from the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of the State of Missouri, or from some other Grand Lodge which enjoys fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of the State of Missouri.

"Second: That such Grand Body shall be a responsible, independent, self-governing organization, with sole, undisputed and exclusive authority over the symbolic lodges conferring the first three degrees of Freemasonry in its jurisdiction, and shall not in any sense whatever be subject to or divide such authority with a Supreme Council or other power claiming ritualistic or other supervision or control over the symbolic degrees.

"Third: That the membership of the symbolic lodges of such Grand Body shall be composed of men exclusively.

"Fourth: That such Grand Bodies shall have no Masonic relations of any kind with mixed lodges, or bodies which admit women into their fellowship.

"Fifth: That every candidate initiated under said Jurisdiction shall have and express an unfaltering belief in a Supreme Being, as the Father of all Mankind, the G.A.O.T.U., and shall also have and express a belief in the Immortality of the soul.

"Sixth: That such Grand Body, and its subordinate lodges, shall adhere in principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft as set forth in the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723, except insofar as the same have been modified since said date by the United Grand Lodge of England, or by this Grand Body.

"Seventh: Such Grand Body shall require its initiates to be obligated on the Book of the Sacred Law. By this is meant the revelation from beyond, which is binding on the conscience of that particular individual, who is being initiated at the time.

"Eighth: Such Grand Body shall prohibit the discussion within the lodge room of any and all religious, sectarian, controversial and political subjects.

"Ninth: Such Grand Body and all its subordinate lodges shall, when at work, always exhibit or have in the lodge room the Three Great Lights of Freemasonry, the chief among which is the Sacred Book of the Divine Law."

The committee, having propounded these basic essentials, postponed all applications for recognition by this Grand Body until the next year, so as to secure further information.

The Report on Correspondence is written again this year by Bro. Dr. Arthur Mather and as usual is most interesting. Alberta is favorably reviewed. His Masonic statistics are valuable. He gives the number of lodges in each Grand Jurisdiction. Total membership and gain for the year. This year he gives what he calls a ten-year comparison. This is limited to Grand Jurisdictions in the United States. In 1917 there were 14,962 lodges; in 1927, 16,435, a gain of 1,473 lodges in the ten years. The membership in that time nearly doubled: It increased from 1,795,390 to 3,217,698.

When M.W. Bro. Jesse, the Grand Secretary, passed away, Bro. Mather, at the request of the Grand Master, took over his work. This must have been appreciated for he was, at this meeting of Grand Lodge, duly elected to that office. We feared that with the onerous work of this office in such a large jurisdiction, we would lose him in this work, but we are glad to see that he is still the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

We deeply miss the greetings from M.W. Bro. Dr. Woods, Grand Correspondent Emeritus, who passed to his reward May 12th, 1927, in his eighty-ninth year. Bro. Mather gives us a poem, composed by Dr. Woods, for the occasion and which he recited at the Annual Past Grand Masters' banquet, held during the Grand Lodge session in 1924. It is called "Musings at Eventide." The first verse is as follows:

"They call me old, but 'tis but a jest,
For life with me seems at its best:
And of the many seasons past,
The one most fruitful was the last.
Not childhood, with its painted toys,
Nor youth, with its enlarging joys,
Nor middle manhood in its prime,
Has been for me a better time."

And the last:

"And as I near the sunset hour,
I bless the more than wondrous power
Which, ever tender, ever kind,
Has led me; till at last, resigned,
I, watching, wait to hear the call
Which soon or later comes to all;
And know that while in faith I pray,
His Hand will lead me all the way."

There are ten verses altogether. We wish we had space to give them all.

There are 664 lodges which includes two under dispensation.

Total number of Master Masons, 113,790. Net gain for the year, 554.

Anthony F. Ittner was elected M.W. Grand Master.

Arthur Mather was elected R.W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

MONTANA

Sixty-third Annual Communication held at Helena, August 17th and 18th, 1927.

In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. James M. Charteris, Grand Master.

In this our first perusal of a report of the Grand Lodge of Montana we note with interest that Grand Lodge is opened in the Third Degree of Masonry, decidedly different from our practise of a less formal opening.

Addresses of welcome from the State of Montana, the City of Helena and the Lodges of Helena indicate the high standing of the Craft among our immediate neighbors to the south.

A distinguished guest of our own 1927 communication was welcomed in the person of M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith, Past Grand Master of Saskatchewan. The Grand Master of North Dakota and the Grand Master of Idaho were also welcome guests and all three were invested with the rank of Honorary Past Grand Masters.

In his address M.W. Bro. Charteris remarks: "The year just closed has been a comparatively uneventful one in the history of this Masonic jurisdiction. Our Fraternity has enjoyed a full measure of peace, harmony and prosperity."

A pertinent question is asked and answered by the Grand Master: "The question has often been asked, who is the most important person in a Masonic Lodge? My answer is, the brother on the investigating committee. If he will always do his duty the future of our Fraternity is secure. The one great question the investigating committee should ask themselves—and on the answer should hinge their report—is, 'If we admit this person, will he attract other good men to us or will he repel the good and attract those of the undesirable strata?' Until a committee man is able to answer this question he is not ready to report and the report should be in accord with his findings without fear or favor."

We think the Grand Master is approaching his question with an idea similar to one of our own beliefs in this connection. We consider

it the bounden duty of an investigating committee not only to examine an applicant's moral, physical and economic standing but to satisfy themselves that he has the mental capacity to absorb what we have to offer. One can't make bricks without straw and to take a candidate without education or intellectual capacity and try to make him a Free Mason—the Builder of an Ideal—is a waste of energy and a source of recurring trouble.

A graceful gesture pointing to the universality of our Craft is recorded when the Grand Master ordered half a ton of Montana cement sent to London for use in the Masonic Peace Memorial Temple being erected there under the auspices of The Grand Lodge of England.

Recommendations of general interest in the address were: (a) That candidates be grouped in degree work. (b) That the minimum fee be raised from fifty to ninety dollars; and (c) That the custom be established of presenting each initiate with a lapel emblem—the square and compass—and exacting from him a promise “that he will never place any other emblem on his lapel, on a level with the Square and Compass, but always in a lower position, unless it be the flag of his country.”

A special committee on the Grand Master's first recommendation recommended that grouping be permitted with a maximum group of three, except in the second section of the Master's Degree, on dispensation from the Grand Master when emergency was shown. This recommendation was adopted.

On the recommendation regarding increased fees the committee recommended that the fee be left as it is for the present but subordinate lodges be canvassed during the year by the Grand Secretary and an accurate record of fees now in vogue be prepared for presentation at the next communication of Grand Lodge.

The Special Committee on the Emblem reported, wisely we think, “We believe it unwise to enforce such a rule as proposed, believing that such action should be entirely left to the judgment of the initiate.” We think a rule prohibiting the wearing of pins or emblems of any kind would be more compatible with the spirit of our Order.

In the reception of Grand Lodge Representatives, Alberta was represented by Bro. C. S. Bell.

From the address of the Acting Grand Chaplain we cull an old thought ever new and here ably expressed: “It is easy to take glibly on our lips high sounding words and phrases. But unless they in some measure represent the ideals and standards of our own life, we might better never have said them.”

Very full reports of all the activities of our Montana brethren complete an excellent report.

In the Report of Foreign Correspondence Alberta receives generous mention.

Number of lodges, 134. Membership, 20,469. Gain, 98.

Next Communication at Billings, August 15th and 16th, 1928.

William J. Marshall, Missoula, Grand Master.

Luther T. Hauberg, Helena, Grand Secretary.

A.M.M.

NEBRASKA

Seventieth Annual Communication held in Omaha, June 7th to 9th, 1927.

In the East, M.W. Bro. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address reflects quiet and steady progress in his jurisdiction. Growth is good and the "institutional activities of the Grand Lodge have gone on satisfactorily, for the most part."

It is with a sense of almost personal loss that we note the passing of M.W. Bro. Robert French, Past Grand Master and Grand Custodian. We had come to look for his annual contribution to the Proceedings of Nebraska and had often admired his straight from the shoulder methods of dealing with the problems of his office. That his loss is keenly felt by the Masons of Nebraska is amply evidenced by the feeling references to his passing, in the present report.

Here passes a man beloved by those who knew him and influencing by his thoughts even those who never met him.

The Grand Master's list of visitations is a lengthy one and shows active participation in the life of his brethren.

On the much discussed topic of Masonic Education, he says:

"Every lodge has among its membership, even if outside talent is not available, brethren who are able to discuss the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, our public schools, as well as the significance of matters embraced in the ritual. In my opinion this cannot be too much encouraged, within proper restrictions, generally to the effect that controversial topics, political and religious subjects should not be considered."

We agree very much with M.W. Bro. Crites that within every lodge there are brethren with something to say. A Masonic lodge is, we believe, an ideal forum for discussion by men, as friends and brethren, of the problems of life and living. There is surely a wide enough field without breaking the wise old fences against acrimony, to satisfy the hungriest soul in search of mental food.

Benevolence has been practised with a lavish hand for it is recorded that \$100,000 were distributed by the Grand and subordinate lodges.

The Grand Master recommends against membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States. He says, "It may well be inferred that it is not gaining ground in establishment or serviceability," which checks up with the expressed opinion of a number of his peers.

The Grand Master recommended that hereafter life membership be not granted and this recommendation was later accepted and ratified.

A recommendation that a badge be issued to members of the Fraternity of fifty years standing, was referred to the Grand Secretary with full powers to act.

From the Report of the Grand Secretary we cull the following, not new, but true and ever better for reiteration:

"Let us not forget that the great cope stone of our Fraternity is Masonic Charity; not that Charity alone which contributes to the physical wants of our brethren, but that other charity which throws the broad mantle over our faults and imperfections; that charity which reaches down and takes a fallen brother by the hand and lifts him up, whispering in his ear words of true encouragement."

The special oration, delivered by W. Bro. C. Petrus Peterson, Grand Orator, is entitled, "The Spirit of Adventure." It is probably inspired by the heroic achievement of Charles Lindbergh, who, by the way, is a member of a St. Louis lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri, and is an able plea for open mindedness in the world of the spiritual as well as the scientific and material.

"The great field of adventure, however, for the coming generation is that field which lies beyond the realm of the material. Mankind has only begun to study and to comprehend the non-material forces in the universe belonging to the realm of mind and soul."

The usual statistical tables complete an excellent report.

Number of Lodges, 291. Membership, 41,586. Gain, 649.

Next Communication at Omaha, June 5th, 1928.

Albert R. Davis, Wayne, Grand Master.

Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

A.M.M.

NEVADA

Sixty-third Annual Communication, June 9th and 10th, 1927, at Reno.

Bro. Wendell H. Churchyard, Grand Master.

Bro. Frank D. King, Acting Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges, 23. Membership, 2,890. Gain, 169.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present, and officially welcomed. "Old Glory" was also received and given a place in the Grand East.

The Grand Master made fitting reference to the passing of two Grand Masters, and of Bro. Edward D. Vandeleith, the Grand Secretary, to whom suitable pages are dedicated in the record of Grand Lodge Proceedings.

The Grand Master was able to report: "Without exception the condition of the lodges of the jurisdiction of Nevada is excellent. The lodge records are well kept, and in most instances the system suggested by the Grand Lodge Committee a few years ago, is being used. . . . In all cases the officers are becoming more and more proficient in the uniform work, and they are exerting every effort to bring the lodge work up to the standard so much desired by the Committee of the Grand Lodge. Work appears on the Trestle-Board of nearly every lodge in the jurisdiction. A gain has been made in membership, and the old adage, "quality not quantity," prevails. . . . The good attendance at all meetings would indicate that proper support is being given the officers by members."

As the graves of many of the pioneer Masons are unkept and unmarked he recommended that steps be taken to remedy this condition, and Grand Lodge approved.

He also advised that membership in the Masonic Service Association be discontinued.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Charles Haseman, delivered an address on the subject, "The Mind a Working Tool," which well repays a careful reading.

There was very little to occupy the attention of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

The review of Foreign Correspondence was in the hands of Bro. Frank D. King, who was suddenly called upon to act as Grand Secretary on the death of Bro. Vanderlith. We rather like Bro. King's foreword in which he defines his views and attitude towards the work. We wish to welcome him to the ranks of reviewers, especially as apparently he is going to wield a fearless pen. His first work takes in seventy jurisdictions, and Alberta is accorded a place among them.

C.V.B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was opened in the City of Concord on Wednesday, May 18th, 1927.

There were 77 of the 80 lodges in the Jurisdiction represented.

In opening the proceedings of 1927 we find a portrait of M.W. Bro. Dresser, the incoming Grand Master.

New Hampshire holds a semi-annual meeting of its Grand Lodge. The proceedings report this meeting was held on the 28th of December, 1926, at the City of Manchester.

The chief work done at this Communication was the exemplification of the work by the officers of three lodges. There was a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge to conduct the funeral of R.W. Bro. Hayes, Junior Grand Deacon, on April 29th, 1927.

There were also two other Special Communications, one to lay the corner stone of a Public Library and the other to dedicate a Masonic Hall.

The address of the Grand Master covers nearly thirty pages and is a faithful report of his doings for the year, most of the address being of local interest only.

He evidently had no decisions to make during the year, as none are given.

The Grand Lodge suffered the loss by death of its Grand Chaplain, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Steward, a District Deputy Grand Master and three Past District Deputy Grand Masters. The Grand Master, in his address, refers to these losses the Grand Lodge has sustained and Memorial pages follow later in the proceedings.

The Grand Master gives a list of requests for Degrees by Courtesy. Twelve were requests to other Grand Jurisdictions, six to confer the Master Mason's degree, one to confer the Fellow Craft degree, one to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees, four to confer all three degrees. He received two requests, one of which was to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees, and one to confer all three, which he granted.

We are *very, very strongly* opposed to an outside jurisdiction giving a candidate the Entered Apprentice degree. We are *very strongly* opposed to the giving of the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason by courtesy and *strongly* opposed to even the Master Mason degree by courtesy. This latter should only rarely be given and then only after the full circumstances have been most carefully enquired into. Ninety-nine per cent of courtesy degrees are unnecessary. Speaking

generally of courtesy degrees, a very large number might be termed commercial. That is, a man is moving to another jurisdiction to start in business, he applies for membership before he goes for he knows he will have a much better standing in the community he is going to as a Mason than he would have if he were not. All three degrees by courtesy should never be permitted. Any others very rarely.

Among the list of dispensations that the Grand Master granted we find three to lodges for their members to appear in public in Masonic clothing. Now we are somewhat opposed to granting such; but as these lodges celebrated their one hundredth anniversary we feel that the Grand Master was fully justified, for, as the event can come to a lodge only once in a hundred years, there is not much danger of too frequent show of Masonic clothing in public.

Under the head of "Anniversaries" the Grand Master tells of being at three centennial celebrations and deputing the Deputy Grand Master to represent him at a fourth. For a jurisdiction no larger than New Hampshire it is quite eventful to have four of its lodges celebrate during one year their centennial.

It is somewhat of a novelty to us to see dispensations given to publicly install officers. The writer only last winter experienced his first public installation and must confess to having an unsettled mind as to the advisability of such.

The Grand Master tells us of five lodges of instruction which he held and all were most successful. We think that there is nothing more interesting and helpful than these lodges of instruction. He also tells of sending a contribution of \$500.00 to assist both in the Florida disaster and the Mississippi floods, these two major catastrophes which so lately overtook the United States. The old saying that "he giveth twice who giveth quickly" was acted upon by Grand Master Kingman and New Hampshire has every right to be proud of the speedy and efficient manner in which relief was granted to suffering sister jurisdictions. In the case of the Mississippi disaster, besides the amount sent by the Grand Master from the Grand Lodge funds, forty-one subordinate lodges within five days contributed \$837.00 and later other lodges contributed so that a total of \$1,567.55 was forwarded from the lodges.

During the year the Grand Master attended two Grand Masters' Conferences, one in Chicago, November 16th, 1926, the other in Washington, February 23rd, 1927. At the former meeting 30 jurisdictions were represented, at the latter 36. At the latter meeting the conferring of courtesy degrees was discussed and the Grand Master recommends that New Hampshire should refuse such requests. He says, "One question which came up for discussion at this conference, in which I am deeply interested, is the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree by courtesy. While I have no disposition to dictate to my successors, I firmly believe that New Hampshire should go on record as opposed to conferring by courtesy the Entered Apprentice degree." We must confess that we are a little surprised to find out that the Grand Master is opposed to conferring the Entered Apprentice degree by courtesy, for we have noted above four requests he made to Sister Grand Lodges to confer the Entered Apprentice degree. If he were opposed to such, why did he not refuse to make the request? There is no doubt he could refuse and there would follow no mandamus.

The furniture in the new office of the Grand Secretary must be very fine. Evidently there could be none in all the state good enough,

for the Grand Master tells us he had to go to Boston, which I believe is in the State of Massachusetts, to buy. Oh yes, Bro. Cheney, we know it is none of our business, but when reading this part of the Grand Master's address we happened to think of the slogan, "Buy at home."

New Hampshire has a Masonic Home and has every reason to be proud of it. The Chairman of the Board reports the finances of the Home to be in a satisfactory condition and gives great credit to the Treasurer. There is no doubt but what a great deal of credit is due to him, but a whole lot is due to the rank and file who contributed the dollars. The Treasurer's report shows receipt of one item of \$11,456.25 per capita tax and another for \$15,275.00 which is called a special assessment, all from a membership of a little less than fifteen and a half thousand. Besides this, and what we have already mentioned in contributions to the Florida disaster and the Mississippi flood relief, the Grand Lodge has a Charity Fund nearing nineteen thousand, a Relief Fund just short of fifteen thousand and another of over twenty-three hundred, under the head of Masonic Service Association. This is truly a record to be proud of.

We must confess that we have a great admiration for the Grand Secretary, Bro. Cheney, who also writes the report on Foreign Correspondence. We know that he has many trials and tribulations—must have, for is he not Grand Secretary? But, after reading the last five lines of the Grand Master's address under the caption, "Our Grand Secretary," we fear the Grand Secretary cannot long survive. "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country" can never be said about Bro. Cheney. A Longfellow, a Shakespeare, a Milton all rolled into one could surely do no better than the Grand Master has done. Does it not seem prophetic that the topic in the Grand Master's address following this poetry is "Criticism" and in it we find such words as "Who think they must try and be funny and attempt jokes." Did he think that we poor reviewers might "Try to be funny and attempt jokes"? No, the Grand Master had no such thought in his mind I am sure. It is just a coincidence. He is referring to those who are trying to frighten candidates taking degrees. We fully agree with him. Such would-be jokers should be squelched good and proper.

Some thirty-five pages of the proceedings is given up to the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. We are tempted to ask if the result is equal to the expenditure. There is a sameness in all these reports, must be, by reason of the nature of the work the D.D.G.M.s do.

The Committee on doings of Grand Officers report their approval of the work of the Grand Master by recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the fraternal commendation, grateful appreciation and sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby extended to M.W. Brother Bela Kingman for the genial, devoted and highly efficient conduct of the exacting duties of Grand Master for the past year. The calls to duty have been urgent and often, at home and abroad, and have been so managed that the honor, reputation and usefulness of this Grand Lodge have been maintained, with enduring credit to the Fraternity and its Grand Master."

This is high praise and we agree that Bro. Kingman has fully earned it. It is hardly necessary to add that this resolution was adopted.

The Foreign Correspondence is from that veteran correspondent Harry M. Cheney, who presents his twenty-first, and we hope to read

many more of his reviews. We are glad to read the nice things which the other correspondents have to say about him, for he tells us that he includes these personal remarks at the order of the Grand Master. We hope all succeeding Grand Masters will, like M.W. Bro. Kingman, make a similar request, and his brethren will know the good things said about their Grand Secretary.

This year he gives us 69 reviews of 66 Grand Jurisdictions. Alberta proceedings of 1926 is fully covered.

Number of Lodges on roll, 80. Total members, 15,440. Increase for year, 165.

J. Melvin Dresser elected M.W. Grand Master.

Harry M. Cheney, P.G.M., re-elected R.W. Grand Secretary.
H.C.T.

NEW JERSEY

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New Jersey was held at the City of Trenton on Wednesday and Thursday, April 20 and 21, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927. M.W. Bro. W. S. Mackey Grand Master, presided.

Among the distinguished visitors present were M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master and M.W. Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; M.W. Bro. Harry Galbraith and several other officers of the Grand Lodge of Delaware; M.W. Bro. Theodore Foster, Grand Master, and several other officers of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; R.W. Bro. Winfield S. Solomon then Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island; and M.W. Bro. Andrew L. Randell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The address of the Grand Master consisted of forty-two pages of closely printed matter, the greater portion of which is of a statistical nature. Among the subjects dealt with were:

The Order of De Molay, which appears to have the cordial support of the Grand Master.

The Order of the Eastern Star, which also was tendered warm expressions of appreciation for co-operation in relief and other matters.

The Florida Disaster and the steps taken to assist the brethren in Florida.

The Grand Masters Conference at Chicago on November 16, 1926.

The National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association from which he recommended the withdrawal of representation on the Board of Governors by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The sum of \$15,098.76 was contributed by New Jersey Masons to this cause.

The Masonic Service Association of United States, the continuance of membership in which was recommended together with the usual appropriation of \$12,000.00 for this work.

On the visible, physical defects of candidates the Grand Master said:

"Care should also be exercised that we do not accept those whose physical condition is such that they will in all probability become a charge upon the Fraternity. Wherever a doubt exists, it should be decided in favor of the Craft."

The Grand Master gave an interesting account of the Memorial Service held on the 195th anniversary of the birth of President George Washington under the auspices of the Presbyterian Meeting House Restoration Committee which took place at the grave-yard in Alexandria, Virginia, on South Fairfax Street in that city, in which are buried over 30 Masonic brothers and fellow soldiers of the first President and The Father of his country.

The Grand Master was pleased to report the resumption by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey of Fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Mississippi and the exchange of Fraternal representatives.

In speaking of the resort by certain groups of brethren to games of chance and gambling devices for raising funds for Masonic purposes, the Grand Master of New Jersey issued a very clear and definite pronouncement on this matter which we believe will find general acceptance. We quote:

"I am personally of the opinion that if as Masons we cannot afford to hold ladies' night or picnics, we should do without them rather than disgrace the fair name of Masonry by resorting to a lottery and asking the public to pay for our own selfish, personal entertainment.

"Likewise, I believe if a community desires to erect a Masonic Temple, there should be sufficient interest on the part of our own members to finance it by contributing to its cost, or else be content to deny themselves the pleasure of a new building until such time as they can, and I have very little respect for any group of Masons who attempt to excuse themselves by declaring that 'any wheels of chance that may be used or chance tickets sold will be under the name and supervision of the Order of Eastern Star.

"Conducting a lottery is gambling, and is forbidden by the penal laws of our State, and, of course, is opposed to the laws of Masonry.

"I, therefore, recommend that charges of Unmasonic Conduct should be preferred against any Master Mason who conducts a lottery in the name of Masonry, or for any Masonic purpose, or who sells tickets or chances having any Masonic emblems printed or engraved thereon."

The outstanding event in this Grand Communication in the judgment of the writer was the address of M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master of Massachusetts which is to be found on pages 413 to 420. In his address Grand Master Simpson defines the traditional aims of Freemasonry very clearly and inquires whether Freemasonry under modern conditions is not tending to depart too much from these traditional aims in the enthusiasm of these days for our benevolent enterprises.

We heartily commend this address to Freemasons who wish to have a clear conception of the fundamental aims and objects of our Craft.

The Grand Lodge deferred action on the matter of granting recognition to the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, the Mexican United

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Vera Cruz and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Service showed that over 400 addresses had been delivered in 263 lodges of which 85 had received two addresses and 40 had heard three addresses and some even more.

The report concerning the Masonic Home indicates that there are 170 guests and that the cost of maintenance, etc., is approximately \$1,000.00 per guest per year.

Following his installation as Grand Master M. W. Bro. Howard R. Cruse delivered an inspiring address from which we quote:

"In your presence I reconsecrate myself to the ideals of our profession. These I conceive to be the dissipation of discord and dissension, of race prejudice and religious bigotry; the promotion of peace, exact justice and equality of opportunity; love for, and loyalty to, country; devotion to duty and fidelity to trust; purity of life and rectitude of conduct; pursuit of knowledge and the building of character; universal charity and a broad humanity; the divine fact of human brotherhood and a deathless faith in God."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed who reviewed 54 jurisdictions and was assisted by W. Bro. William S. Hunt who reviewed 12 jurisdictions and M.W. Bro. William Van Eerde who reviewed the report on the Jurisdiction of Holland. The work of this committee is very well done and makes very interesting as well as informative reading.

Total membership, 89,597. Net gain, 3,367.

M.W. Bro. Howard R. Cruse, Trenton, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Isaac Cherry, Trenton, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

NEW MEXICO

Forth-ninth Annual Communication, February 21, 22 and 23, 1927, at La Cruces.

Bro. Ferbert B. Holt, Grand Master.

Bro. Alpheus A. Kenn, Grand Secretary.

Number of lodges, 61. Membership, 6,578. Gain, 25.

Eight Special Communications were held during the year.

The Grand Master comments on the fact that in August, 1927, the Grand Lodge will be fifty years in existence, and suggests that suitable measures be taken to commemorate the event. He gave a brief history of the beginning of Masonry in New Mexico, mentioning the names of the early leaders, and pointing out the progress that had been made. Three requests to accelerate the conferring of degrees was refused, as was also one to hold a public installation. From the Grand Master's decisions we gather that the physical perfection standard does not obtain in New Mexico.

A large part of the address is given over to the problem that the Masons of jurisdictions in the south-west are called upon to face, namely, the care of tubercular brethren. This burden is so heavy that a general call has gone forth for assistance. The Grand Master points out that the brethren of his jurisdiction are quite able to look after their own

members who may need assistance, but the situation is greatly aggravated by the numbers who flock from all over the United States into New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado, seeking relief from their malady. Apparently this work of relief is being put on a wider basis, chiefly owing, we would say, to the efforts of the Grand Master. We appreciate his statement that as he contemplated the grandeur of the Memorial being erected to the memory of George Washington at Alexandria, Virginia, the thought obtruded itself upon him that the cost of that structure would accomplish much for the relief of tubercular brethren and their families. He consoled himself, however, by the thought that the Masons of America could afford to support both schemes.

Disappointment was expressed with the lack of results from the Grand Masters' Conference, and also with the little profit being accomplished by the Masonic Service Association.

The address was a very able one, and the committee to whom it was referred, characterized it as a gem. They found nothing to criticise, but everything to commend. They approved of all dispensations granted, and also those which were refused, and heartily concurred in all rulings, decisions and opinions.

Forty-seven Foreign Jurisdictions are reviewed by Bro. John Milne, Foreign Correspondent, of which only two were outside the United States, Alberta did not find a place.

C.V.B.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1926

Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales for the year ending June, 1926.

Four regular quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge were held at Sydney.

Twenty-one new lodges were consecrated during the previous year. Six new Masonic Temples were dedicated.

In July, 1925, Grand Lodge entertained at dinner, brethren of all ranks from the visiting American Fleet in Sydney Harbour, which included some several hundred brethren of different ranks from the Fleet.

Of over eleven hundred dispensations for various purposes granted by the Grand Master in the twelve months, one hundred and forty-two were for the initiation of a Lewis.

The chain letter nuisance has appeared in this Jurisdiction and the Grand Master is doing his best to eradicate it. He also takes a very strong ground of disapproval in using Masonic connection for business purposes.

Upon motion of the Grand Master a Master of a lodge, who twenty-eight years previously had been suspended for declining to comply with the command of the M.W. Grand Master to attend and produce the Warrant, books and papers of his lodge, was re-instated.

On the 25th of April, 1926, there was held a Memorial Service for the brethren who had fallen in the Great War. The Town Hall was crowded to the utmost capacity. Addresses were given by distinguished brethren and a collection of over \$400 was taken up and donated to certain hospitals.

A Masonic Home was established by Grand Lodge for children. Already 214 are in residence—112 boys and 102 girls.

The Grand Master dealt at great length with the question of physical disabilities. He dealt with the practice in every Grand Jurisdiction, with particular reference to that of England. His general opinion was that latitude should be allowed in consideration of the mental and general qualifications of the candidate, and that each case should be considered on its merits.

The work of the subordinate lodges is reported on in detail and at length in four ample Reports of the Inspector of Workings. These Reports cover the ground covered in our Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. His Report states that the Grand Master's attitude in the matter of physical disability met with warm approval of the lodges at large.

The Grand Lodge is establishing a Masonic Museum.

One subordinate lodge was allowed to discontinue business or "go into recess" for a period of twelve months owing to a number of members having temporarily left the district. For that period the warrant, books and regalia of the lodge were handed over to Grand Lodge for safe custody.

A very interesting and comprehensive Review of Foreign Correspondence was published with the Annual Proceedings, the matter being covered not by States and Provinces but by subjects, and the various subjects were very ably dealt with.

Total number of lodges, 585. Total membership, 62,020.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John Goulston.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. D. Cunningham, Sydney.

E.T.B.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1927

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year ending June, 1927.

Grand Lodge held its regular four quarterly Communications at Sydney.

During the year twenty new lodges were consecrated, ten new Temples dedicated and the Grand Master issued over twelve hundred dispensations for various purposes.

The Grand Master reported that following the commencement of his policy regarding disabled candidates, referred to in the Review of Proceedings of the previous year, a considerable number had been admitted to Masonry.

The Grand Master made personal visits to a great many of the lodges. We are interested to note that the address at one of the lodges was not as usual on Masonry but was as the Grand Master describes a lucid and interesting address on the history of that lodge. He suspended the warrant at one lodge as the result of an "undignified and unseemly joke" perpetrated by the lodge.

We note one peculiar circumstance, namely, the Grand Master called a Conference of the bodies of the Royal Arch Masonry to try and settle differences in that Branch of the Order.

At the general meeting the Grand Master was re-elected to that office for another term.

This Grand Jurisdiction withdrew recognition from the Grand Orient of Belgium, mainly because it had excluded the V.S.L. from its lodges.

The Grand Treasurer's Report showed that the total investments of Grand Lodge as of the 30th April, 1927, amounted to over \$1,350,000. The Board of Benevolence paid out during the year over \$30,000.

The Report on the Masonic Schools and Hostel maintained by Grand Lodge showed that there were in residence eighty-four and one hundred and twelve girls and that the affairs of the institution were in very good order.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, published under different headings, is very thorough and comprehensive. Incidentally, the Committee pointed out a notable tendency in American Freemasonry in many jurisdictions to demand that a candidate must be able to show that he has the financial means to support a continued active membership in a lodge.

Total number of lodges, 606. Total membership, 64,585.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John Goulston.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. D. Cunningham, Sydney.

E.T.B.

NEW YORK

The 146th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was held in the Masonic Hall, City of New York, on May 3rd, 1927. M.W. Bro. Harold J. Richardson, Grand Master, presided.

There was a large attendance of Grand Lodge officers, Past Grand Lodge officers and members of Committees. Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of New York from 94 jurisdictions were present, Alberta not being represented.

The opening prayer by R.W. Bro. S. Parkes Cadman, Grand Chaplain is reported in the proceedings and is a source of inspiration to all who are privileged to read it.

The Grand Master's Address embraced a precise account of his official acts during his period of office as well as an inspiring review of the activities of the Craft under his direction. Among the interesting subjects dealt with are the benevolent activities of the Grand Lodge of New York, its Foreign Activities, the granting of fraternal recognition to the Grand Orient of Roumania, French Masonry, Clandestinitism, Plural Membership, The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and many other interesting subjects of somewhat less importance. One matter dealt with by the Grand Master which is of more importance to the Craft in New York than elsewhere, was the plan of Financial Reconstruction presented by the special committee and discussed by the Grand Master in a very lucid and convincing manner.

In his introduction the Grand Master defines his conception of Freemasonry:

"Freemasonry is a life to be lived, not a formality to be perfunctorily observed. It is a life to be lived, not a set of empty creeds

to which lip service is given. It is a life grounded in religion, organized in morality, mellowed by good fellowship, humanized in charity, and dedicated to service. Responsive to these high sanctions we turn to the duties before us."

In his treatment of the Foreign Activities of his Grand Lodge the Grand Master makes an important statement as follows, which we quote:

"Masonry in certain countries abroad is now faced with a life-or-death crisis. It is not for us to legislate for them or to take toward them a position of superior wisdom; nevertheless, the fact remains that in some of those countries the crisis has arisen partly because various elements have flouted the Landmarks so as to introduce the factional elements of sectarianism and political controversy into assemblies of the Craft, thereby placing themselves outside the pale of ancient, regular Masonry, and inviting opposition from civil powers and authorities. At such a time it is necessary for regular Grand Lodges in all parts of the world to give to the regular Masons in each instance—those who understand Masonry, what its principles are, and how it may be preserved—their help and their moral support. If our own Grand Lodge can render such assistance now we shall help to save Freemasonry for some countries where it is badly needed."

Further on in speaking of the universality of Freemasonry the Grand Master enunciates two of the principles absolutely fundamental thereto, namely:

"First, the right to confer the Three Degrees of Masonry in Lodges rests on the authority of Grand Bodies that have derived directly or indirectly from the Mother Grand Lodge organized in London, England, in 1717; and there never can be universality until that fact is everywhere recognized.

"Second, there can never be universality until the fundamental principles on which Freemasonry was originally organized are everywhere accepted by all Grand Bodies claiming to be Masonic. Among those principles the most important are belief in the Sovereign Grand Architect of the Universe, the open Bible on the altar, and a strict observance of the Landmarks against participation in matters of political, racial, or religious controversy."

In speaking of the difficulties met with in counteracting the forces of Clandestinitism the Grand Master gives two good reasons for combating this evil, in the following words:

"There are those who may question the propriety of Grand Lodge taking any action at all so far as organizations other than those of Symbolic Masonry are concerned. I would make two replies to any such questions: First, we need to deal with the interests and welfare of our own membership; second, we more than any others, have a stake in the name 'Masonry.' If that name is misused or brought into disrepute by any persons or organizations whatsoever, it is not only our right but our duty to take action concerning it."

We quote from the Grand Master's final peroration the following inspiring paragraphs:

"The only problem to require our sagest experience, or ripest statesmanship is the problem, 'How is Masonry to do its proper work in the world?'

"There is, I am convinced, a large work for it in our nation. The signs of the time show the possibility of dangerous divisions being opened up across American life, resulting in class being set against class, in religious conflict, an increase of racial prejudice, and an in-

creasing cynicism as regards our Constitution, our form of national government, and the ideals bequeathed to us by the fathers. It is Masonry's work to support and to inspire the forces that make for unity, and that bind men closer to men, and that bridge over the difference that lead to hatred and strife.

"How shall Masonry do that work? Shall it multiply wheels within wheels, seeking by an over-complication of organization to cope with increasing demands? By resorting to novel schemes? By risking itself in new experiments? By turning away from the fundamentals laid down centuries ago in order to embrace strange doctrines?

"No. Masonry can best do its work by most being itself; by a firmer determination to carry out the trestle-board already drawn; by embodying and exemplifying its ageless ideals of tolerance, equality, charity, and brotherhood, to accomplish which its Lodges are organized, its Ritual is designed, its laws are ordered, and its principles are dedicated."

Numerous distinguished visitors were welcomed by the Grand Master in cordial terms and these brethren addressed the Grand Lodge bringing the greetings of their jurisdictions to the brethren of New York.

A large portion of the proceedings are taken up in giving full reports of all the financial phases of the work of the Grand Lodge and other valuable statistical information.

Among the important decisions made by the Grand Master and which were confirmed by Grand Lodge, were the following:

1. The building of a Masonic Temple, or place for meetings of lodges, is not a strictly Masonic purpose, as those words are used in No. 50 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and will not justify an assessment on the membership to defray the cost thereof.

2. Moneys received by a lodge from initiation fees, dues and assessments of the members are lodge funds, and cannot lawfully be loaned out to members of the lodge.

3. A lodge can meet at any hour of the day or any day of the week, except Sunday, upon which day only emergent communications for the burial of the dead are permissible. Stated Communications must be held at the time fixed by the by-laws, which should include the hour of the day as well as the day of the week. Special Communications can be held at any hour of the day, provided regularly called.

4. A by-law of a lodge requiring that all applicants for membership must pass a physical examination by a physician appointed by the lodge is illegal. The question whether a candidate complies with the physical requirements is one that is to be determined by the Master of the lodge, and he is not responsible to his lodge therefor, but only to the Grand Lodge. What methods the Master shall use to satisfy himself as to such physical qualifications is a matter for him to determine and is not subject to the direction of the lodge.

We quote from the report of the Grand Librarian:

"Today, Masons all over our land are seeking Masonic Light. It is a matter of rejoicing that the present is an era for the establishment of libraries wherein such may be stored. It is a source of pride and satisfaction to the New York Masons that our Grand Lodge has been one of the foremost in this respect.

"While the Library is the creation of the Grand Lodge, kept up by that body, yet it benefits the State at large. An increased interest in Masonic books seems to be taking hold of our members. They are

searching for information which will prove of value to them in Masonic work.

"The attendance has been most gratifying. From a daily record kept, I find that some 12,602 members of the Craft made frequent use of the Library for the purpose of reading and consultation."

The Committee on the Grand Master's address called the attention of the brethren particularly to those parts thereof which referred to the general theory and policy of Foreign Relations and intimated that these portions of the address constituted an admirable and concise epitome of major principles of Masonic statesmanship, grounded on the Ancient Landmarks, and approved by the well established course of Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Committee desired to recommend to the Masters of the lodges that they should see that the brethren in their lodges might share in the emotional and intellectual refreshment which those in Grand Lodge had experienced from those portions of the Grand Master's address. We most heartily concur in these views of the Committee.

The report of the committee on Financial Readjustment presented a plan to Grand Lodge for assessment of the annual Grand Lodge dues on a sliding scale which would bear a definite relation to the appropriations made by Grand Lodge and this plan was adopted.

The Committee on Social and Educational Service presented a very interesting and instructive report. On pages 214, 215 and 216 may be found a synopsis or outline of the principles underlying the work of this bureau. It is much too long to quote but for anyone interested is a veritable mine of information and inspiration.

M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master of Massachusetts attended this session and in a most appreciative address presented to Grand Master Richardson the Henry Price Medal.

The principle of dual membership was approved.

Grand Lodge also adopted the view that a chartered lodge as such has no right or power to engage in any enterprise for any purpose, however laudable, not connected with the purposes of the Grand Lodge and its corporate body or expressly granted by its charter.

The report of the Grand Historian R.W. Bro. Ossian Lang was a scholarly and masterly address upon the conditions of Freemasonry in European countries. It makes a brochure of about twenty-three closely printed pages and should be read by everyone wishing to keep informed upon the condition of Masonry in Europe.

We quote from the Report on Foreign Correspondence for 1927:

"We cannot emphasize too strongly the value of the contents of this report to students of contemporary Masonic thought and action the world over. May we suggest to the Worshipful Masters that they invite interested and competent brethren to select from this report such items as may impress them most and then to pass these on to the Lodge. By a proper division of the material everything contained in this report may be presented, during the year, in spirited ten-to-twenty-minute talks, one at each Lodge communication. We believe that such procedure will be found an effective and helpful means for promoting Masonic interest and understanding, and that it ought to contribute to the attractiveness of the regular communications.

"One practical subject which stands out before all others, as of greatest present concern to many American Grand Lodges, is the abnormally large loss caused by demissions and by suspension for non-payment of dues. Both classes of losses of members, at bottom, are traceable to two causes: One is carelessness in the admission of candidates who lack the qualities essential to a proper appreciation of Masonry; the other is inadequate attention, on the part of many Lodges, to keeping their membership interested in Masonry by a convincing exemplification, in spirit and in fact as well as in form, of the teachings and worthwhileness of the Brotherhood."

We heartily endorse the suggestions contained in the foregoing extract. Alberta receives appreciative mention.

M.W. Bro. Harold J. Richardson, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Robert J. Kenworthy, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

NEW ZEALAND

The Annual Communication was held at Christ Church, November 30, 1927. Owing to the illness of M.W. Bro. Gen. Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart., M.W. Bro. G. Russell, pro Grand Master, occupied the Chair.

M.W. Bro. Gen. Sir Charles Fergusson was re-elected Grand Master for the third year.

The total funds of Grand Lodge amount to nearly \$557,000, an increase for the year of over \$55,000. The Benevolent Fund paid out over \$5,000. Circular Appeals Fund for special cases paid over \$8,000. The Widows and Orphans and Aged Masons Fund now stands at over \$400,000. The Circular Appeals Fund deals with particular cases which are recommended for assistance by circular from the Grand Lodge. The Appeals included a number of cases of clearing off mortgages for widows of Masons and some cases of assisting Masons' widows in business in a small way, in one case to purchase a home. The Grand Lodge paid out on annuities to various Masonic dependents over \$30,000 during the year. In connection with these annuities the Lodge is discussing with the government the question of whether these annuities should be taken into consideration by the Commissioner of Pensions when assessing incomes to determine whether old age pensions should be granted. The matter had not then been settled. The Special War Benevolent Fund is for the purpose of lending assistance by way of loans and grants. Of this money about \$4500 was expended during the year. The capital account of the Fund stands at nearly \$40,000.

It is interesting to note that the M.W. Grand Master, who is Governor-General of New Zealand, found time to visit forty-six lodges in various parts of the country during the previous year. It is gratifying to realize that a man of the standing of the Grand Master is taking a real active interest in the duties of the office. The Grand Lodge has made arrangements with a Masonic publication for the publication in its columns each month of a review of the proceedings of Foreign Grand Lodges at a cost of approximately \$500.

At the social function following the meeting of Grand Lodge, W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions and a Past Master of the Canada Lodge, No. 3527, E.C., London, addressed the meeting.

The M.W. Grand Master was installed at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge in February, 1928. The outstanding feature of that installation was the Grand Master's address, which would be well worth quoting in toto. He referred to the fact that in recent years the applicants for Masonry were on the average considerably younger than formerly and from this deduced the necessity of great care in accepting applicants and also of the greater necessity and importance of seeing that the proper Masonic traditions were handed on to the new members. In this connection, he said, in part:

"First, we cannot live on past tradition only; to follow tradition needs no initiative or individuality. We must be constantly not only maintaining it but also building it up, so as to keep pace with the ever-changing conditions of time. And, secondly, if we are to impress our young brethren and inspire them to effort, our aims must be always practical, not merely idealistic. At what, then, should we aim at being ourselves, and at producing in the rising Masonic generation? I suggest the following words used by Pishop Neligan, of Auckland, many years ago, in reference to another institution. He said:

"What we want is wholesome whole-hearted workers, with common sense in their heads and the love of God in their hearts, who do believe that service is a greater thing than success."

He elaborated with eloquence and force the sentiment expressed in the above quotation and in a sense made it the thesis of his whole address. We quote further:

"We come, then, to the last of our propositions—the belief that service is a greater thing than success. The successful man is not necessarily the happy man; but of one thing we may be certain, that true happiness does lie in the knowledge that we are being of use to and are helping our fellow creatures."

It is one of the sanest and best addresses this reviewer has had the pleasure of reading.

From an interesting summary of instructions issued by the Board of General Purposes we quote the following items:

"Masonic applause in the refectory should be restricted to one knock, and the Board is strongly against the use of the words "Fourth Degree" in relation to the festive board. No musical items should be called for, or smoking permitted, until after those Grand Lodge Officers whose names are mentioned in the toast list have replied."

The Board is of the opinion that the wearing of Masonic clothing and regalia, both at religious services in churches and at places of entertainment, etc., when ladies and others who are not Masons are present, should *not* take place. It is not desired to discourage the meeting of brethren, either for religious worship or on occasions of their extending hospitality to those who are not members of the Order, but it is desired to check the exhibition in public of regalia intended to be worn only in private during the performance of Masonic Rites and Ceremonies."

Total number of lodges, 291. Total membership, 25,579. Year's net increase, 756.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart.

Grand Secretary, Colonel George Barclay, Wellington, N.Z.

E.T.B.

NORTH CAROLINA

For the second time in all its one hundred and forty years history, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in North Carolina, during the past Masonic year, suffered the loss by death of the Grand Master. Scarcely had M.W. Bro. John E. Cameron set about his official duties when suddenly he met the silent messenger who bore to him the summons which knows no refusal.

Meeting under this great shadow, the One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication assembled in Raleigh, January 18, 19 and 20, 1927, M.W. Bro. John H. Anderson, Acting Grand Master. Bro. Anderson elected Deputy Grand Master at the last communication, took up the reigns of office immediately upon the decease of the Grand Master and for nearly nine months very ably and faithfully discharged the duties of the office. His address is a succinct and business-like recital of his stewardship, while his decisions are common sense and according to Masonic usage.

Many Grand Lodges are realizing the influence upon their organization of the networks of good roads interlacing their jurisdictions, together with the wide acceptance of motor cars as a means of conveyance. Rural lodges are being brought into closer relationship and generally it has been found necessary to relocate districts for the purposes of supervision by the D.D.G.M.'s. In North Carolina this idea has advanced one stage farther by the consolidation of adjacent weak rural lodges. During the year of 1926 ten lodges were so consolidated, while a large number have action pending along similar lines.

In reporting the meeting of the Masonic Service Association at Chicago, November 17th and 18th, 1926, P.G.M. Braswell draws attention to what he believes to be two handicaps under which that Association is laboring. First, lack of money, as five cents per capita is not enough to finance an educational and relief proposition that is nation wide. Second, the need of a more permanent membership.

Some years ago, in company with other Masonic bodies in the State, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina embarked upon the noble scheme of educational loans to students in training. The amount appropriated for the current year is: Grand Lodge \$3,000; Grand Chapter \$3,000; Grand Commandery K. T. \$1,000; and the Scottish Rite Bodies \$3,000. A schedule of all colleges within the State has been drawn up and an amount allotted to each. The loan is made upon the judgment and recommendation of the college authorities and on no account is any preference shown on account of a student's Masonic connection or relationship. To date 413 loans aggregating \$42,000 have been made, of which \$12,000 has been repaid and the interest well maintained on the balance. Many friends of North Carolina Masonry are watching this scheme with a great deal of interest and wishing it the utmost success.

When one reviews the several reports covering the splendid work of the Oxford Orphanage where the plant is valued at \$1,000,000.00 and where during the current year some 409 children were cared for at an average per capita cost for the year of only \$339.51 and then finds that of the total cost of maintenance Grand Lodge provided \$50,000 and lodges, Masons and interested citizens \$30,000, he feels that the Grand Master was unduly pessimistic when in his address to Grand Lodge he stated that "Here and there we find a bright spot—an oasis in the desert—but generally throughout the State, Masonry is asleep, and in many places dead—waiting to be buried." Surely this noble

work at Oxford justifies the existence of Masonry down there. The institution is more than an orphanage for it includes a hospital with 72 beds, public and high school facilities of the highest standing in the State with provision for vocational and technical training, printing and electrical departments, together with a huge farm which provides most of the food.

It was pointed out by one of the trustees that while the Orphanage receives a grant from the State on the grounds that any worthy child is admitted, such grant amounts only to twenty per cent of the cost of operation, the balance being supplied by Masons; on the other hand only twenty per cent of the children have Masonic connection.

The Singing Class of the Orphanage has established a reputation for high class talent. It is in much demand throughout the State, having given during the past year 189 concerts with net proceeds of \$28,879.40.

A pleasant feature of the communication was the visit of two distinguished Masons in the persons of Grand Master Cary E. Fish, of Florida, and Grand Master Beach, of Virginia. Brother Fish came to personally thank the brethren of North Carolina for the generous way in which they rallied to the assistance of stricken Florida, \$2,046.95 having been remitted.

The Report of the Committee on Necrology is introduced with the following beautiful legend, "In the old German folk lore, there is a beautiful strange superstition, of two angels and of their relations with men. One is the angel of the first hour who twice kisses man—once when he begins mortal existence, and again when he enters smiling upon the other life, as he came weeping into this. But the tenderest and kindest angel is his brother, the angel of the last hour, whom we harshly call death. He it is that is sent to us that he may pluck the sinking soul out of the cold breast and bear it unhurt in his warm hands to his brother on high."

Grand Lodge has undertaken to have its Masonic history compiled and written. The committee has been at work for a year now. Their first task was to have photostat reproductions made of certain pages of minutes which record items of great interest, dating back as far as 1766 and including a record of a visit of LaFayette to a lodge in Fayetteville. Old minute books have been copied into permanent records. The committee in charge are co-operating with a similar committee from Tennessee as the Masonic history there is parallel down to 1813. The sum of \$1,000.00 was appropriated for the furtherance of the work during the coming year.

Several decisions of the Jurisprudence Committee should meet with general approval, including: candidates may not affirm but must be sworn on the Holy Bible; that where lodge dues are at a per annum in advance rate and a brother pays six months in advance, he is entitled to a dimitt at the expiry of that term if it be the middle of the year without having to pay for the balance of the year; that a petition cannot be accepted from a candidate under age but who will become of age before the petition is acted upon; and that a lodge cannot bury a suspended brother with Masonic honors.

An excellent review of fraternal correspondence is found from the able pen of Bro. J. Edward Allen, who for purposes of classification divides it into three parts like Caesar's Gaul, section one being countries chiefly using languages other than English, section two the British

Empire, under which Alberta receives attention, and section three the United States of America.

Number of lodges, 442. Total membership, 41,643. Gain, 381.

M.W. Bro. John H. Anderson, Grand Master.

V.H.M.

NORTH DAKOTA

Thirty-eighth Annual Communication, June 21 to 23, 1927, Minot.

Bro. Frank C. Falkenstein, Grand Master.

Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

Number of lodges, 127. Members, 15,407. Gain, 153

After the preliminaries had been cleared away, nine fifty-year Masons were formally welcomed to the sessions of Grand Lodge. Their ages ran from 73 to 86 years. The sight is described as inspiring, and we can well believe that it was. In this age of youth it is refreshing to see old age also recognized.

The Grand Master referred to the disasters wrought by flood and fire, quake and storm, in the East, West and South during the past few years, and pointed out that if they had a rigorous climate in North Dakota they at least were free from such occurrences. Just like Alberta, we would say. He also mentioned unrest throughout foreign lands, and expressed the thought that the millenium is still far off. He hoped that the influence of Masonry will be a strong factor in bringing about universal peace.

Masonry in North Dakota has strengthened itself during the past year, the organization being more closely knit and more vigorous. He recommended that District Deputies visit each lodge at least twice each year in order to keep in close touch with the work.

Only four decisions were made during the year, one being that a foreign citizen cannot become a Mason in North Dakota. As this law applies to Canadians who are drifting over the border the Grand Master thought some modification should be made by Grand Lodge. The hint was acted upon, and Grand Lodge removed the restriction. This seems to us to be a step in the right direction.

The Grand Master recalls with pleasure his visits to the Grand Lodge of Canada at Fort William and Port Arthur, and to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at Moose Jaw. We have no doubt that the pleasure was mutual.

A good word was said for the Masonic Service Association, especially in view of its work following the disasters in Florida and the Mississippi Valley. An earnest appeal for a full contribution from North Dakota to the George Washington National Memorial was also expressed. Attention was also called to the desirability of each lodge preserving its history, as this will be of untold value in the years to come.

Eight suspensions were made during the year.

A straight talk was given in regard to moral conduct generally and especially regarding the attitude of Masons towards the liquor question. This is quite in order in both wet and dry countries. We are greatly pleased to note that the Grand Master does not subscribe

to the activities of the Mayor of Chicago. Altogether a very notable address.

The report of the Grand Secretary covered the field of activities very fully.

Foreign Correspondence is in the hands of Bro. George H. Phelps, who reviews sixty-four jurisdictions. He expresses his own views quite freely, and they are always worth expression. Alberta is sympathetically noted, although he finds the reports of our District Deputies rather featureless, and lacking apparently in "pep." Possibly he is right.

C.V.B.

OHIO

One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication, held in Springfield, Ohio, October 19th and 20th, 1927.

In the East, M.W. Bro. Charles L. Minor, Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was opened with full ceremony, the Grand Chaplain offering invocation and the Masonic Chorus singing "Open the Gates of the Temple."

Distinguished visitors representing the various bodies of the "higher" degrees were received with grand honors and seated in the Grand East.

In the opening of his address the Grand Master says "The component lodges, with an occasional exception are Masonically sound and prosperous." A very happy state. The membership of Ohio is recorded as 202,125 with a net gain for the year of 3,806.

The "Necrology" section records the death of two Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. Ike M. Robinson (1901-1902) and M.W. Bro. Thomas B. Gitteau (1911). Feeling reference is made to their passing.

Dedications and corner stone layings are numerous, forty-six of the former and twenty-two of the latter being recorded.

Numerous visitations are cited proving the Grand Master an energetic ambassador among his brethren.

Attendance at a conference of Grand Masters in the United States is recorded at which thirt-six Grand Jurisdictions were represented. Many matters of common interest were discussed including such items as Transfer of Membership, Dual Membership, Collateral Groups of Masons and their Activities. Remarking on the two latter items M.W. Bro. Minor says:

"Sentiment seemed to be equally divided for and against the practice of dual or plural membership within one Grand Jurisdiction and in different Grand Jurisdictions."

On Collateral Groups he remarks:

"It was generally agreed that Grand Jurisdictions should not recognize collateral groups of Masons in any of their activities."

A uniform receipt for dues for use by all Grand Jurisdictions seems to be an excellent suggestion.

On Masonic Education the Grand Master makes a significant comment:

"Every Mason realizes that we are spending more time adding names to our membership lists than we are to inculcating the principles of Masonry in those already raised."

Most Grand Masters are reading the handwriting on the wall. Masonry must take stock of herself in these swift changing days or be forced, too late, by disaster, to realize that in numbers is not strength.

We note an item of business which might be well copied here, dealing with the Ritual. It reads:

"... Chairman announced that the Committee on Ritual would be in session for one hour prior to the opening of the second day's session, so that any brother wishing information would have an opportunity of appearing before the Committee."

Be it noted that a Committee on Ritual replaces our method of Custodians of the Work and that the brethren are given an opportunity of discussing their difficulties at Grand Lodge and in Committee.

A Committee on Organizations Requiring Masonic Affiliation does a little plain talking but refrains from making final report until the Annual Communication of 1928.

Ohio declines to join the Masonic Service Association.

A full report on the Ohio Masonic Home and the usual statistical tables complete an interesting volume.

In the report on Foreign Correspondence, Alberta receives brief but friendly mention.

Number of lodges, 608. Membership, 202,125.

B. Frank Thomas, Youngstown, Grand Master.

Harry P. Johnson, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

A.M.M.

OKLAHOMA

The Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma, being the thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory and being the fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the City of Muskogee, on the 8th day of February, 1927.

Just before the formal opening, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. C. A. Sturgeon, was presented with a Grand Master's apron by M.W. Bro. Freeman, P.G.M., on behalf of the members of the Grand Master's home lodge.

In opening his address Bro. Sturgeon, after extending a cordial welcome to the members of Grand Lodge, says:

"In accepting the office of Grand Master, I promised 365 days of my time to the Craft if they so demanded. I have kept the faith. The visitations and office work have taken my entire time. There has been a constant call for visits, dedications, corner stone layings and a very few visits to settle difficulties. In all, the year has been a most happy one for me."

He states his greatest problem for the year was the Masonic Home. A new home for the aged has been completed, and these were

separated from the children causing an increase in maintenance. To meet this he recommends that the initiation fee be increased ten dollars and for the second and third degrees each two dollars. This, he estimates, will bring in about twenty thousand dollars.

During the year Oklahoma lost three of its Past Grand Masters. Their portraits and obituaries are in the proceedings. All three had done most excellent work for the Craft and will be greatly missed.

The Grand Master constituted five lodges and issued a dispensation to form a new one.

Two charters were taken up owing to the weak condition of the lodges. Twenty-three corner stones were laid by the Grand Master or his Special Deputy. Of this number there were seven churches and nine schools. He refused all requests to confer the three degrees in less than statutory time. He did, however, give fifteen dispensations to confer the M.M. degree in less than statutory time, one for both F.C. and M.M. and one for the F. A. degree. This is quite a number and we are sure that with a little foresight most could have been avoided.

Under the heading of "Decisions" he gives this answer to the question as to whether an applicant who has lost the index and second finger of his right hand is eligible: "There are decisions which provide that, if the applicant can properly give the grips, signs and steps, he is eligible, and I agree with these decisions." Just below this is the question, "Is a petitioner eligible who has one limb off below the knee, and has an artificial limb?" To this he answers "No." Why this answer? Should not his answer have been the same as the former? We think that the man with the artificial foot could conform to the tests better than the one who has lost the two fingers and should have had the benefit of the first ruling.

He recommends that when a member of a subordinate lodge has been convicted in a court of final resort that he be automatically expelled. This Grand Lodge approved with the amendment that instead of expulsion the sentence to be indefinite suspension and that there must be a sentence to a State Penitentiary or Federal Prison. Another recommendation which was adopted was that committees on applications for affiliation or petitions for initiation should, after strict enquiry, report in open lodge orally one lunar month thereafter, unless granted further time; and no lodge shall ballot upon such until one lunar month after its presentation and the report of the committee thereon.

Also, on his recommendation, a Masonic Service Committee was appointed to carry out a proper program of Education and Relief.

The Grand Master's concluding message to constituent lodges is, "Carry into the future the program you have practised in the past"; and to the Fraternity as a whole, "Practise the teachings of our ancient Order in your daily conduct with your fellow man."

Oklahoma provides its Grand Master with an automobile. The Committee on Finance appropriated \$2,000 to purchase a new one or so much as is necessary, with the understanding that the present car be traded in for as much as possible. The Grand Lodge, however, voted the old car to the retiring Grand Master.

The Special Committee on Education and Relief reported recommending that as the Grand Lodge has withdrawn from the Masonic Service Association of the United States that units under the direction

of the Grand Master be organized, the Grand Master to hold meetings in the various centres of the State to fully explain the procedure of organization; the program for these meetings to consist of an informal meeting in the afternoon of Lodge Officers, District Deputies and the Grand Master, to arrange for the organization. In the evening all to be invited to hear an address from the Grand Master and one of the degrees to be exemplified. The Unit when organized to meet monthly and a general program to be provided. The general program should include the study of the Ritual, Masonic Law, History, Symbolism and Philosophy and the practical application of these to every-day matters. Also the study of their own and other Grand Jurisdictions. Study Clubs to be organized and encouraged. Also a contest among the several lodges in the county or district in degree work and a deeper interest in the Masonic Home and its necessities and the necessity of a strong effort to furnish relief outside the Home. The report concludes with these words:

"We recommend that the Grand Master be given the widest latitude possible in the outlining and promotion of a program, with the general object always in view of Masonic education along practical lines, and the furnishing of relief."

This is quite an extensive program and if properly carried out should greatly stimulate interest in Masonry among the Craft.

Oklahoma has contributed about fifty per cent of its quota to the George Washington National Memorial Association, and according to M.W. Bro. Freeman, State Chairman, the contributions are largely from the small lodges. In his report he uses quite strong language.

"I do not know," he says, "why our large and wealthy lodges, that meet in Temples instead of halls, treat the repeated requests of this Grand Lodge to join their country sisters with the contempt that they do. It is possible that this Grand Body may yet find a way to induce them to do their duty, for it is a duty they owe to the Masonic Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma. Duty is as much a duty, and is as imperative upon large and wealthy lodges where brethren meet in magnificent quarters and recline upon plush over-stuffed divans, chairs and settees, and walk upon tufted rugs and carpets that give back no sound, as it is upon the country lodges whose members climb to the second story on outside stairways to a hall with bare floors and plain chairs and benches."

This should wake up the plutocrats, who, no doubt, have fallen asleep while reclining on their plush over-stuffed divans and next year we expect to read that Oklahoma has gone over the top and can now take her seat "in the pews reserved for those who have discharged their full duty in this behalf."

R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Lattimore, the Grand Orator, delivered an address which makes most pleasing reading. We would like to give it in full, but space forbids. His subject was the working tools of a Fellowcraft. Just at the close he says:

"And so Masonry has sought these simple symbols to give you the lessons of time, of eternity, infinity, equality, the square of virtue and morality, the plumb of rectitude, and faith in God."

The report of the Superintendent of the Masonic Home is very interesting reading. On January 1st, 1927, there were 137 residents in the home.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is written by Bro. Thos. Chauncey Humphrey and is his twenty-first. He gives 64 reviews of

62 Grand Jurisdictions which make pleasant reading. Alberta is reviewed.

Lodges, 458. Members, January 1st, 1927, 71,002. Gain during the year, 1,329.

Earl C. Flesher was elected M.W. Grand Master.

W. M. Anderson, P.G.M., was re-elected R.W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

OREGON

Seventy-seventh Annual Communication, June 15, 16 and 17, 1927, at Portland.

Bro. Edgar H. Sensenich, Grand Master.

Bro. D. Rufus Cheney, Grand Secretary.

No. of Lodges, 169. Total members, 29,783. Gain, 814.

Alberta was represented by M.W. Bro. Edgar M. Sensenich.

Five new lodges were instituted during the year, four temples dedicated and the corner stones of six public buildings laid.

A very pleasing feature of the Grand Master's address is an account of the honors shown to Bro. Charles Alexander Schetky, of Hood River Lodge, No. 105. Bro. Schetky is a retired Captain of the United States Navy, is one hundred years of age, and a Mason for seventy-two years. Not only did Masons honor this brother, but a representative of the United States Navy was personally present to congratulate him, and a message was received from the President of the United States, all of which was very seemly and fitting.

An occasional session of the Grand Lodge was held in Portland on September 15, 1926, to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge, at which over two thousand brethren were present.

The Masonic Board of Relief disbursed over \$10,000.00 in Masonic relief.

The Grand Master advised a change in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge under which no brother is entitled to a certificate of membership not to sign the by-laws of his lodge until after he has passed satisfactorily an examination in the lecture of the third degree. He pointed out the hardship and confusion that were arising from this provision, and the Grand Lodge amended the constitution by eliminating the requirement of the examination. A revision of the "Ancient Ceremonies of the Order" with a view to their modernization was also recommended.

Apparently considerable confusion exists among the subordinate lodges in regard to what is known as the "Flag Ceremony." Some lodges omit the ceremony altogether, while some give it in a very unimpressive manner. Apparently, also, some young Masons identify the flag so closely with their lodges that they think Masonry is a peculiarly American institution. It was decided to leave the matter of the ceremony to each lodge to be dealt with as it thought best, the only essential being that the flag must be displayed in the East.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Wallace McCamant, gave an address on the "Historical Background of Masonry," in which considerable

useful information is brought forward, and which would tend to disabuse the minds of young Masons that Masonry is an American institution.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had no matter requiring its attention.

A careful review is made of the proceedings of sister Grand Jurisdictions by Bro. David P. Mason, the Foreign Correspondent, and Alberta is duly noted. We confess to a feeling of surprise, however, that our world-famous summer resort appears under the name of "Bareff" instead of "Banff."

C.V.B.

PENNSYLVANIA

Quarterly communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year, December 1st, 1926, March 2nd, June 1st, September 7th, and December 7th, 1927, and the Annual Grand Communication was held at Philadelphia on December 27th, 1927.

R.W. Bro. William M. Hamilton, Grand Master.

In the quarterly communication of March 2nd, 1927, the Grand Master referred to the prospects of Lodge No. 2, of Philadelphia, holding a most extraordinary and interesting event on March, 1927, in that Brother Charles A. Schetky would celebrate his one hundredth birthday in that month, and of these years he had served seventy-two as a member of Lodge No. 2, located at Philadelphia. Brother Schetky was then residing in Oregon and arrangements were being made through the Bell Telephone Company for a direct telephone communication between the lodge at its meeting and their centenarian brother.

In the quarterly communication of June 1st, 1927, a resolution was unanimously adopted accepting the gift from Brother Charles J. Eisenlohr, a member of University Lodge No. 160, Philadelphia, in the sum of \$87,409.00, for the purpose of erecting a Girls Home, on the Masonic Homes Tract at Elizabethtown, Pa.

At the quarterly communication on December 7, 1927, reports from the various custodians of the funds of this Grand Jurisdiction were received. They show an aggregate investment of over \$11,000,000.00, and a total annual budget of \$1,719,600.00. At this quarterly communication a report of the Lecture Corps was presented from which it appears: That the Committee on Lectures maintained during the year its organization of one hundred lecturers; that they prepared lectures on "Masonic Secrecy" and "Masonry Within the Lodge and Without," which were read in many of the lodges; that the circulating libraries were in general use and that at the conference of Committees on Masonic Education held in Detroit, at which representatives from twenty or more jurisdictions were present, a paper which had been prepared by W. Bro. F. E. Manson, the Chairman of this Committee, on Pennsylvania's plan for Masonic Education had been presented, in the absence of the author, by Brother Sidney Morse of New York and the plan was highly commended. We will be asking Pennsylvania's brethren for a copy of this paper and any literature it may have germane to the subject.

At the annual communication of December 27th, 1927, the Grand Master in his address dealt with the subjects of Clandestine Masonry, Appendant Organizations, Bi-Centenary of American Masonry, Schools

of Instructions, and "The Large Lodge." In referring to this latter topic the Grand Master says:

"It would seem reasonable to expect that a large Lodge, with its many young, active enthusiastic members and with abundant resources, would be able to accomplish greater things than one which is denied these advantages, but an analysis of the annual reports not only do not establish this as a fact, but to the contrary, demonstrates that, with few exceptions, an equal number of brethren, composing two or three smaller lodges, surpasses the larger one in the real work of the Craft, and, therefore, is of greater value to the community and to the brethren themselves."

Following his installation as Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother J. Willison Smith delivered his inaugural address, from which we quote:

"It is my earnest desire that during this year true Masonic fellowship will be experienced throughout the entire membership of our Jurisdiction, and each member of our Fraternity feel that Freemasonry is a living force, which can be experienced only in the deep consciousness on the part of each individual member, in practising out of the lodge those principles of religion and morality that are taught within it."

Referring to the Investigation of Petitioners, the newly installed Grand Master said:

"The investigation of a petitioner should not be confined to merely his place of employment and his general social connection, but should be carried into his home life, so that in the admission of members to the Fraternity, we will be assured through careful investigation that the life of the petitioner is not inconsistent with the precepts and practices of our Fraternity."

The review of proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions is presented by W. Bro. Herbert Russell Laird, of Williamsport, Pa., whose appointment as Chairman of this committee was announced by the Grand Master at the quarterly communication on March 2nd, 1927, in succession to Brother Thomas F. Penman, who for many years had served as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and who for personal reasons had found it necessary to retire from this work. Brother Penman will be greatly missed by those who have been following his work for years. Brother Laird in his review shows himself a worthy successor and presents a report which is not only pleasing in style and of fine literary quality but also penetrating in its analysis and kindly in its criticism. Alberta receives appreciative mention.

In the report of the Grand Secretary at the quarterly communication held on March 2nd, 1927, the following statistics appear:

Number of lodges, December 7th, 1926, 561. Membership, 207,368. Net increase during 1926, 3,320.

M.W. Bro. J. Willison Smith, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. John A. Perry, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Philippine Islands was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Manila on Tuesday, the 15th day of January, 1927.

M.W. Bro. Francisco Al Delgado, Grand Master.

The Grand Representatives of sixty-seven Grand Jurisdictions were present and were welcomed in cordial terms by the Grand Master. Alberta was represented by Bro. Conrado Benitez.

During this annual communication the Grand Master appointed a Merchants Lodge for the purpose of making Honorable Eugene A. Gilmore, Vice president, and Secretary of Public Instruction of the Philippine Islands, a Mason at sight. During the conferring of the degrees various Grand Masters assisted in these Masonic labors.

The Grand Master presented his annual address in which he reviewed in detail his own acts as Grand Master and the progress made by the Craft throughout the jurisdiction during his year of office. The address, while containing much statistical data disclosed a fine literary quality, and a breadth of Masonic tolerance, and a wisdom in statesmanship which is to be commended. Particularly may this be said of the course of action followed by the Grand Master in respect to the difficulties encountered by him as arising out of the activities of the Imperial Council Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America in holding ceremonies in Manila over the protest of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master reported that in the number of lodges and in membership there had been a normal and healthy growth during the year; that cases of unworthy men being taken into the Fraternity had been very rare indeed; that the financial condition of the lodges was good, and that in general the Craft in his jurisdiction had had another prosperous year with signs of progress along all lines of Masonic endeavor being quite noticeable.

During the year four new lodges were constituted and received their charters, and three new lodges were instituted under dispensation.

The Grand Master reported settlement of the difficulties between the Masonic Fraternity and the organization known as Legionarios del Trabajo.

The Cabletow, the Masonic Journal published under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, seems to be meeting with considerable success and is doubtless doing a very excellent work.

This Grand Lodge terminated Fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France and resolved that this severance of Fraternal relations should continue until the Grand Orient should cancel the charters of and close the illegal and clandestine lodges formed by it in the recognized territory of other Grand Lodges of the United States of America.

The Committee on Library report that several of the constituent lodges have started libraries of their own or are collecting funds with which to start them. The Grand Orator, Bro. Eugene A. Perkins, not being in attendance at this session of the Grand Lodge, forwarded a paper on the subject, "The British Expedition to Manila and Freemasonry 1762-1765" to be submitted to Grand Lodge in lieu of the Annual Oration. W. Bro. Conrado Benitez, Alberta's Representative, near this Grand Lodge, delivered quotations or extracts from this work to the Grand Lodge in the afternoon session of the second day. These proved of very great interest to the meeting. The work of Bro. Perkins will be of real historical value to the Craft in the Philippine Islands and elsewhere.

The Committee on History present a very interesting report from which it appears that the present Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt with the assistance of W. Bro. Leo Fischer had prepared

an illustrated lecture on "Rizal in his Travels." The lecture has been published in "The Cabletow" in both English and Spanish and is given with over two hundred illustrations especially prepared in the form of slides.

M.W. Bro. Schmidt has also rewritten his illustrated lecture on "Presidents of the United States who were Masons." M.W. Bro. Leo Fischer has prepared a history of "Masonry in the Philippines." The monograph by the Grand Orator above referred to, is also mentioned in this report. It further appears that several lodges are busy preparing Lodge Histories.

The Masons of the Philippines are to be congratulated upon the progress being made in the historical field.

The review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges is submitted by M.W. Bro. George R. Harvey, P.G.M. M.W. Bro. Harvey presents an interesting introduction in which he deals with such subjects as Extraneous Organizations, which make Masonry a basis of membership, the universal interest in Masonic education and the excellent work being done along educational lines by various organizations of the Craft, the subject of bringing politics into the lodges or attempting to use Masonry for political purposes, as well as many other interesting topics. Alberta receives generous recognition and appreciation.

Number of lodges, 102. Membership, 6,842. Net increase, 5.

M.W. Bro. Joseph Schmidt, Manila, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Newton C. Comfort, Manila, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

QUEENSLAND

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge ending June, 1927.

From the remarks of the Grand Master M.W. Bro. C. Stumm, K.C., we quote:

"I do urge first of all that those who conduct our ceremonies should very carefully study what those ceremonies are intended to teach and to convey, and realise what I have sometimes called the soul of the ceremony. And then I have again and again urged that what we hear and what is taught in the lodge room is of very little avail unless it becomes part and parcel of our lives and character in the outside world. Freemasonry is judged by the world at large, and quite rightly, by the character of the individual members, by their conduct as men, as members of a community, and as citizens of the State.

"If we carry our lodge teaching with us into our lives there will be no difficulty in determining our place in the outside world on any matters or problems that may present themselves to us. We engage in no controversies of religion or of politics, but whatever is fair and just will find Freemasons supporting it as against what is unfair and unjust. Masons support truth against falsehood; honour against dishonour; honesty against dishonesty; everything that is right against everything that is wrong."

The Grand Lodge of Queensland severed fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium.

In this Grand Jurisdiction the list of nominations proposed by the Board of General Purposes is submitted to Grand Lodge. Other

nominations may be made. The procedure on the part of the Board is as follows—I quote from the remarks of the President of the Board during the discussion of this matter:

“When the Board makes nominations for the various Grand Lodge offices, it goes to a tremendous amount of trouble in regard to same. Something like three months before the night of the nominations a committee is appointed. It is comprised of all picked men from the Board, and it is their duty to ascertain all they can about the brethren they bring forward for selection. They have the power of visiting the lodges to ascertain how the brethren under review, work in their lodges. So you will see that when names are brought before Grand Lodge ultimately it can rest assured that they are brethren who are considered capable for office and for the fulfilling of their respective duties, in an efficient manner. The Board may not know each individual selected, but the Committee makes it its business to know each brother. The Board then has to find out if such brother is willing to accept office.”

A very earnest discussion arose over the motion to abolish the custom prevailing in many of the lodges of putting on a ceremony known as the “MacDuffs.” The proposal was most strongly opposed by the Scotch lodges and was finally lost. One brother refers to it as a Royal Greeting which had been handed down from time immemorial.

Another point of interest referred to by the President of the Board of General Purposes in another discussion and a point which this reviewer thinks is not generally known in this jurisdiction and that is the matter of applauding in a lodge—only one clap or knock is the proper Masonic procedure. The President of the Board said: “Every member of a lodge is equal, and the only Masonic acknowledgement of anything that is done is one knock and no more. And everybody should be treated exactly the same.”

On one occasion one of the Grand Master's of Alberta, having ended his address at a country lodge, received the applause of the one single clap and not being aware that this was really the proper form was very much surprised and much taken back. The lodge, needless to say, was one governed by the English tradition and is well known to this reviewer.

We note with interest that for the first time since the organization of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, a brother was expelled from Freemasonry.

A motion to amend the Constitution to allow a lodge by unanimous ballot to confer life membership upon any aged and infirm member of the lodge of not less than fifteen years' standing, financially unable to pay his lodge dues, was lost.

General Funds of Grand Lodge show a balance of over \$13,000, about \$3,500, of which is the Benevolent Fund. In administering the Benevolent Fund the Board has taken particular care of the education of Masonic children.

No review of Foreign Correspondence is published.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. C. Stumm, K.C.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. C. H. Harley, P.G.M.

Brisbane, Queensland.

E. T. B.

RHODE ISLAND

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Providence, on Monday, the 16th of May, 1927.

M. W. Bro. William Luther Sweet, Grand Master.

Distinguished visitors present included M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts and M.W. Bro. Arthur N. Nash, Past Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master consisted chiefly of a detailed review of his official acts and of the activities of the Craft in this jurisdiction. Among the matters dealt with, was the work of the Masonic Service Association, from which it appears that the Association is now engaged in producing an up-to-date Masonic Encyclopaedia under the supervision of R.W. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and is also engaged in making a survey of Symbolic Freemasonry throughout the world. The Grand Master recommends that the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island should continue its membership in the Association, provided it felt it could afford the dues of membership.

Other subjects discussed were the Conference of Masters of Masons in United States held in Washington, D.C., on February 23, 1927, also the proposals of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanitaria Association.

Sympathetic reference was made to the Florida Hurricane and the Mississippi River Flood, and the Grand Master was pleased to report that the Masons of Rhode Island had generously responded to the call of the distressed in the areas affected by these catastrophies in accordance with the true principles of Masonry.

Referring to the Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island the Grand Master stated that forty-eight scholarships were awarded during the past year, and a larger number would doubtless be granted during the following year. The recipients of these scholarships were recommended from twenty-one of the subordinate lodges and four scholarships were awarded to the sons of brethren who were members of lodges, outside of the jurisdiction of Rhode Island.

In speaking of his labors as Grand Master, W. Bro. Sweet says, "Since I became your representative I have earnestly tried to serve the brethren in every relation with courtesy and with a strong desire to be helpful to them at all times. I cannot point to any great specific accomplishment. I have found the affairs of Grand Lodge to be in a generally excellent condition, and I have not tried to revolutionize the customs of the Fraternity in this Jurisdiction, but rather have I attempted to maintain the high dignity which the Craft has attained in this section of the world. If any act of mine has contributed to the advancement of our common interests I shall be very happy. If I have added something to the happiness of any of the brethren during my year of service I shall feel that my efforts have not been entirely in vain."

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island during the the year under review, sustained the loss by death of R.W. Bro. S. Hanrose Williams, who had been Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge from 1901-1926, and who died on December 18, 1926, at the age of seventy-seven years.

R.W. Bro. Williams served the fraternity with "freedom fervency and zeal" for a period of nearly 54 years. "During all these years he was efficient and faithful to the trust reposed in him by his brethren. His knowledge of the law and customs of the Craft was great, and his advice and counsel was frequently sought by the officers of subordinate lodge to whom he gave authoritative information on all occasions," quoting herein the Grand Master.

Fraternal recognition was granted by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Panama in the Republic of Panama, and an exchange of representatives was authorized subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

With reference to the requests for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, the Grand Lodge of Vienna, and the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence desired further time for the consideration of these requests.

The semi-annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Providence, Monday, November 15, 1926, M.W. Bro. William Luther Sweet presiding. The outstanding feature of this meeting was the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which reviewed the address of M.W. Bro. Howard Knight, as Grand Master, made to the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication held on May 17, 1926. From this report which was adopted by Grand Lodge, it would appear that most, if not all of the recommendations submitted by M.W. Bro. Knight in his address did not meet with the approval of the Grand Lodge. Many of them apparently were of a radical nature from the standpoint of Masonic law and procedure as theretofore operative in Rhode Island.

No review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges appears in the copy of the proceedings for 1927 as received by us.

Total membership, 18,291. Net gain, 232.

Winfield S. Solomon, Providence, Grand Master.

Harold L. McAuslan, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Year ending April, 1927.

The Masons of South Australia in 1927 acquired a new Freemasons' Hall at Adelaide, at a cost of over \$700,000, a very fine picture of which is published in the Annual Proceedings. Every lodge in existence at the laying of the foundation stone contributed to the Building Fund. Numerous gifts were received towards the furniture required for the building. The three large lodge rooms in the building are named after distinguished brethren of the Craft. Carved over the doorway at the entrance to the new Temple are the words of the message from His Majesty the King to the Grand Lodge of England in June, 1927:

"The traditional loyalty of British Freemasons is a force upon which the Sovereign of the country has to reckon and it has been to me a proud memory during the anxious years through which we are passing."

A full account is given of the dedication ceremonies and of the speeches at the banquet in connection therewith.

The Grand Master deals with the question as to whether the expenditure of so great a sum as has been spent upon the Masonic

Temple was justified and most emphatically and clearly he justifies the expenditure:

The Grand Master refers to the increase in membership, but points out that the actual net increase was less than the members removed during the year, and suggests two causes of this, viz., some of the material of which they are making Masons is not of the best and that the lodges were not making the best use of the material when they had acquired it. He suggests that greater opportunity should be given for the development of friendship at the lodge meetings.

The Benevolent Fund expended over \$3,000 during the year.

A full and interesting Review of Foreign Correspondence is published, including review of the Alberta Proceedings.

Number of lodges, 130. Total membership, 13,093. Net increase, 635.

M.W. Bro. Hon. Justice T. S. Poole, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover, Grand Secretary.

F.T.B.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the year ending April, 1926.

The M.W. Grand Master referred to a resolution proposed at the First Australian Masonic Conference held in Melbourne in 1921, dealing with the subject of physical disabilities which read as follows:

"In case of a candidate who has been injured or incapacitated, a dispensation may be granted to waive such disabilities as will not prevent a substantial compliance with the requirements of initiation, passing and raising; provided that such dispensation shall not be granted to a candidate who is, (a) totally blind; (b) totally deaf; (c) dumb"; and pointed out that the Grand Lodge of South Australia had in 1922 passed a resolution similar in effect.

Dealing with the question of a Lewis we quote his remarks at length as being instructive on the subject:

"I have found also that some brethren think that the son of a Freemason may, notwithstanding that he has not reached the full age of 21 years, be admitted, and that Masters have the right to initiate them. Many of you, of course, know that this is not so, but, lest some of you should have this wrong view, I think it well to say that no such right exists. What does exist is a discretion in the Grand Master to grant a dispensation from the general rule and to permit the son of a Freemason to be admitted to the Order, though he may be still a minor. Without that dispensation it is wrong to thus admit him. The discretion is an unfettered discretion, but it is one that should be exercised by the Grand Master on principle and not merely as a matter of course nor from caprice, and if I am asked to grant any such dispensation some sound reason must be given why it should be done."

He drew attention to the case of the sitting Master of a lodge, who fifty years previously had occupied the position of First Senior Warden in the lodge.

Satisfactory progress is being made in the erection of the new Temple at Adelaide, over \$250,000 having been spent on it to date.

Total net assets of Grand Lodge are valued at over \$500,000. There is an amount of over \$30,000 to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. During the year about \$1,000 was paid out of this Fund.

Total number of lodges, 130. Total membership, 12,458. Net increase, 731.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hon. Mr. Justice T. S. Poole.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover, Adelaide.

E.T.B.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Ninetieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina was held in Charleston, March 9th and 10th, 1927, M.W. Bro. Charlton Durant, Grand Master.

Of 289 lodges, there were representatives from 270 in attendance, which speaks rather well for their interest in their Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. A. G. Miller, Grand Master of Georgia, and M.W. Bro. J. H. Anderson, North Carolina, were distinguished guests. Seven Past Grand Masters were present. Alberta's Grand Representative was not recorded as in attendance.

The Grand Master's address does not suffer on account of its brevity, but such rather emphasizes the matters covered. The introduction has a message with an appeal much wider than the confines of his own jurisdiction, so we quote:

"The year since we last met has been one, I believe, of Masonic progress. No man can speak positively, for Masonry is a spiritual institution and succeeds or fails as its members succeed or fail in moral growth and in spreading the soul-enlightenment for which it stands. As speculative Masons we strive to build not temples, but men.

"The Masonry of today has a great privilege and a tremendous responsibility. In a time when laws are flouted, conventions ignored and all the old moral and religious ideals are being denied, Masonry should be a great steadying force teaching men to fear God and keep His commandments.

"One atheistic organization with five million dollars in its treasury is endeavoring to establish societies for the spread of atheism in the higher institutions of learning of our country, and by tracts and otherwise is denying the primary tenet of Masonry—that there is a God.

"The din of the conflict between alcohol and decency fills our ears. During the last few years the fall of great business institutions caused by adverse financial conditions have hurt business, but far greater damage has been caused by the dishonesty of trusted men. While comparatively few, yet such occurrences are entirely too common.

"Masonry has a mission for such as time as this, a message for men. The lodge should stand in each community as the meeting place of honest, fearless, God-fearing men, striving for righteousness. The possession of such principles and motives has been the cause of its survival through the centuries and, while possessing them, it will remain immortal."

There are those who would use Masonry for political ends. Masonry is an institution which works through the individual by so training

him that he becomes an ethical member of society, and when any endeavor is made to get mass action out of the Craft for ulterior schemes it controverts the fundamentals of our Order. Grand Master Durant thus refers to it:

"An effort is still being made to use Masonry to support political ends, such as the creation of a new cabinet position and the formation of a Federal Department of Education; but I am glad to say it seems to be without effect in this jurisdiction. It is unfortunate for any man to appeal to Masons as such to endeavor to influence legislation, and it is sheer impertinence for any one to urge legislation as the representative of Masons, for no officer and even no Grand Lodge can speak politically for any individual Mason. This is a fundamental of Masonry and should not be ignored or forgotten."

Speaking of the Masonic Service Association he pays a tribute to its effectiveness in co-operating with Florida at the time of the hurricane, and states that its meetings are growing in interest and the Association is becoming more valuable to the Craft generally.

Beautiful Masonic Temples are quite in order and the proper thing when such can be afforded, but thinking Masons will agree with the Grand Master when he says: "I feel that subordinate lodges are entirely too spasmodic in their charity and that some seldom do any charity at all. I would suggest that each lodge provide in its by-laws that a certain amount, say 20 per cent of dues and fees be placed in the charity fund and used for no other purpose. I would request legislation to this effect, but for the fact that it might embarrass some lodges with heavy obligations for buildings. We should preach charity less or should practice it more."

During the year eleven Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held, of which eight were for laying corner stones, two for constituting lodges and one for dedicating a hall.

A resolution was adopted to procure 100 leather aprons for the use of the delegates to Grand Lodge. Our personal opinion is that the delegates should be censured rather than provided with aprons. There is far too much delinquency in this matter of one not wearing at all times the apron with which he was presented and charged to wear without getting figurative spot or stain upon it and with credit to himself and honor to the Craft.

Last year Grand Lodge launched upon a program of education, appointed an Education Committee, an educational director, and appropriated \$10,000.00 for the carrying out of the work. Of the allowance, about \$7,000.00 was expended for automobile, library, lantern and projecting machine, pamphlets, travelling expenses and the salary of the Director. The Director, M.W. Bro. Chritzburg, prepared himself for his duties by first sitting at the feet of Dr. Wicker, Director for North Carolina, observing him at work, and then spending some time in the office of the Masonic Service Association gaining information on their methods. Thus equipped, he proceeded to organize his territory with the aid of those ever indispensable D.D.G.M.'s. One week was spent in each of the districts, with joint meetings of lodges at convenient points five nights of the week. With a close reading of Street's "Symbolism," Claudy's "Foreign Countries," Gould's "Concise History," Mackey and Pike, and much collateral reading the Director was equipped to address the brethren. In addition, films covering the three degrees, and moving pictures supplied

by the Masonic Service Association and the Department of Agriculture at Washington, were shown.

The Director made a careful observation of the condition of the Craft during his itinerary and much common sense is found in his remarks. The great outstanding need, he finds, is to stimulate interest in lodge meetings in order to obtain a better attendance. The remedy, in his belief, and we are in full accord with him, is to eradicate the idea that the lodges exist for the purpose of fun and frolic. Emphasis must be placed upon the fact that we are engaged in a solemn task of endeavoring to make better men out of our members. Too often the candidate is tormented mentally and physically before, during, and after the initiatory ceremonies. His mind is in no condition to receive beautiful and lasting impressions. The remedy lies in educating the fun and frolic idea out of the minds and hearts of our newly made brethren—the old ones are almost hopeless—and in its place pouring in the great truths about God, and life and death, the resurrection, and the immortality of the soul.

Another indictment, which we do not believe is true in Alberta, is the unfortunate manner of the handling of lodge funds, whereby the Secretary fails to pay over funds to the Treasurer, disbursing them himself, paving the way for unhappy events.

General recommendations for the carrying out of the educational campaign include the appointment of a local educational leader in each lodge. He can arrange programs from time to time, stimulate interest among the members, arrange for local study clubs, build up a lodge library, and arrange for a speaker to be provided by the Education Committee.

South Carolina does not maintain an orphanage nor a home, but handles its relief as we do in Alberta, that is, through a Relief Fund, supporting orphans, distressed Masons and their widows in their present places of abode. The Committee recommended a continuance of the scheme. The amounts expended during twelve months were as follows: forty-three orphans in orphanages, \$6,450.00; forty-four orphans outside orphanages, \$5,120.00; fifty-seven Master Masons, \$8,515.00; and sixty-seven widows, \$11,025.00.

M.W. Bro. J. L. Michie has a very able report on Foreign Correspondence in which Alberta for 1925 receives a careful review.

Lodges, 289. Membership, 29,753. Gain, 223.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Charlton Durant.

V.H.M.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Fifty-third Annual Communication, June 14th and 15th, Aberdeen.

Bro. Leonard M. Simons, Grand Master.

Bro. Geo. A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

Number of lodges, 174. Membership, 19,683. Gain, 51.

The Grand Master referred to the fact that more than half a century had passed since the formation of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, and pointed out that the progress of Masonry had kept pace with the forward march of the State in things material. Masonry had contributed its portion to the upbuilding of the institutions which

made South Dakota one of the foremost States of the Union. Fitting reference was made to the death of Bro. Edgar D. Brookman, Grand Master in the year 1905.

Four lodges were instituted during the year.

A suggestion that the Grand Master be retained in office for two years in order to afford him the opportunity of visiting all lodges in the jurisdiction, something that is impossible under the one year tenure-ship, was not approved. The work of the Masonic Service Association was commended.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Chas. S. Hall, delivered an address entitled "Faith in the Future," which makes very good reading, and shows evidence of study and thought.

Recognition was refused to the National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

The review of Foreign Correspondence is in the hands of Bro. Arthur H. Tufts, who reviews the proceedings of sixty-eight Grand Jurisdictions, in which Alberta finds a place.

C.V.B.

TASMANIA, 1926

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was held at Hobart on the 27th of February, 1926, and a half-yearly Communication at the same place on the 28th of August, 1926.

The Constitution of this jurisdiction provides that no member of a lodge may propose a candidate for initiation unless such member has been a Master Mason for at least two years. A new amendment was passed unanimously that no member of a lodge should without a dispensation of the Grand Master be eligible for election to any of the chief offices of the lodge. The initiation fee was also increased. A further provision was added that each lodge should pay into the Fund of Benevolence for every initiate, £1. 1s.

Arrangements were made with the British and Foreign Bible Society for Bibles with the seal of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania embossed on the cover, for presentation to candidates on initiation.

At both Communications of the Grand Lodge eloquent orations were delivered by eminent brethren of the Craft.

M.W. Bro. James, Grand Master, recommended consideration of the adoption of a Ritual for that Grand Jurisdiction.

The net assets of the Grand Jurisdiction at the end of the year 1925 amounted to over \$6,000. The Board of Benevolence paid out for that year about \$6,000 and had a net capital of approximately \$25,000 at the end of the year.

Total number of lodges, 47. Total membership at the end of June, 1926, 3,542.

M.W. Bro. Claude James, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Strutt, Hobart, Tasmania, Grand Secretary.

E.T.B.

TASMANIA, 1927

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was held at Launceston on the 26th of February, 1927.

The Board of General Purposes reported disbursements for the year 1926 of over \$1,000, with a capital account of over \$8,000, and arranged for loans to subordinate lodges to enable them to erect Masonic Temples. The Treasurer's Report showed assets of nearly \$1,400, no liabilities.

The Grand Inspector of Lodges reports the Ritual work in a high degree of efficiency.

When the Grand Secretary read the names of several brethren excluded from their respective lodges for non-payment of dues, the M.W. Grand Master expressed the hope that in every case the lodge had made inquiries into each brother's circumstances and that no one was excluded where it was a case for Masonic assistance and that there was always an honorable way for a brother to leave his lodge if he felt he was no longer able to pay his dues.

The Tasmania Grand Lodge does not publish reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, but acknowledges the receipt of such Proceedings.

M.W. Bro. Claude James was re-elected unopposed as Grand Master.

The Constitution was amended empowering the Grand Master, on his own initiative, to prohibit the initiation of any candidate.

The matter of a Ritual for Tasmania was discussed at some length and by unanimous vote was referred to the next full meeting of the Board of General Purposes for consideration.

The Grand Master recommended to Grand Lodge the appointment of lecturers to give Masonic Addresses to the subordinate lodges. He also gave Grand Lodge a list of works on Freemasonry, which he recommended.

The Grand Master and Officers of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria visited the Grand Lodge of Tasmania on this occasion of their Annual Communication.

Appended to the Proceedings of the half-yearly Communication of August, 1927, is a beautiful copy of the photograph of the Address of Welcome presented to T.R.H. The Duke and Duchess of York from the Freemasons of Tasmania, April, 1927.

The Board of General Purposes appointed three lecturers whose duties were to visit the subordinate lodges and deliver lectures on Masonry.

The recommendation of the Board of General Purpose that the Ritual for Tasmania should be the Emulation Working with the addition of the Explanation of the Mode of preparation, was voted as the Ritual for the Grand Jurisdiction of Tasmania.

During the previous half-year the Board of Benevolence disbursed over \$660.00.

Net increase in membership for the previous six months, 93. Number of lodges, 48. Total membership, 3,744.

M.W. Bro. Claude E. W. James, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Strutt, Hobart, Grand Secretary.

E.T.B.

TENNESSEE, 1926

The 112th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was held at Nashville, January 27, 1926. M.W. Bro. Charles W. Polk, Grand Master.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present. M.W. Bro. W. H. Bumpas, the Senior Past Grand Master in attendance, was Grand Master in 1898. It affords much gratification to the rank and file to see their Past Grand Masters come to Grand Lodge year after year. It sets an example and inculcates a desire to emulate the faithfulness of the elders.

Alberta was represented by W. Bro. B. S. Smith, P.M. of Henderson Lodge No. 485.

The first thing done after this Grand Lodge is opened is to read Edict 68,—which has to do with the calling of the Roll of representatives of the lodges—the law of the Grand Lodge as set out in the Code in regard to furnishing information of the proceedings to newspapers, and the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1875, condemning illegal and unmasonic electioneering. Not a bad idea. It is surprising how unthinking some of us are when we happen to meet up with a newspaper friend who wants a little general information.

This Grand Lodge mourns the loss of two Past Grand Masters in the past year, M.W. Bro. George E. Seay and M.W. Bro. H. A. Chambers. The former was a consistent supporter of Masonry and served as Grand Master in 1907. M.W. Bro. Chambers first attended Grand Lodge in 1868. He was elected Grand Master in 1894 and in 1903 became Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and for twenty-two years conducted the Reviews of other Grand Lodges for Tennessee with credit to himself and interest and instruction to the Craft all over the world.

The Grand Master suspended the charters of two lodges and ordered the suspension of a third, which had practically ceased to work. Seven lodges were constituted and one new lodge was formed under dispensation during the year.

Among the dispensations granted were several to lodges newly chartered to elect and install officers. The Committee on Jurisprudence pointed out that the custom had been to grant dispensations for this purpose, but last year the Grand Lodge amended the Constitution providing that if a lodge for "unavoidable reason" failed to hold its stated meeting in December, the Grand Master may upon good and sufficient cause grant a dispensation to elect and install at a later date, and therefore the officers as under dispensation must continue to act until the December stated meeting when the regular election and installation takes place. Thus do "amendments to the Constitution" frequently land us in peculiar situations.

Another dispensation was granted to a lodge to bury a dimitted Mason. This is a matter which in some jurisdictions is left to the discretion of the lodge. In Alberta as well as in the majority of Grand Lodges, the rule is that dimitted Masons, after a certain time has elapsed, have no Masonic privileges except that of affiliation. There would appear to be no good reason why lodges should not decide such a matter for themselves, in fact, it is done sometimes in spite of the existing prohibition.

The Grand Master was very active in visiting his lodges. He hoped to visit at least half the total number, which is 476. He should

have good reason to be proud of the fact that he did visit sixty-two. The Deputy Grand Master visited twelve and the Grand Wardens twenty-seven.

No less than 301 "Certificates of Proficiency" were issued by the Grand Master on the recommendation of the Grand Lecturers. He thinks, "an edict should be passed whereby no man could be elected to serve as a Master of a lodge until he has been issued a Certificate of Proficiency." The Board of Custodians go further in their report, they recommend that no dispensations will be granted to new lodges until the officers thereof have been duly examined or instructed by a Mason holding a Certificate of Proficiency, an authorized Lecturer of the Grand Lodge or a member of the Board of Custodians, and the application for the dispensation shall be accompanied by the recommendation of the certified brother, Lecturer or Custodian, who examined or instructed said officers. The Jurisprudence Committee did not concur in the recommendation without comment. Grand Lodges have many debts of gratitude to their Jurisprudence Committees. These 301 names are printed in the Grand Master's address, and also again at the end of the Proceedings.

There are nearly four pages of "Rulings," most of them being interpretations of the laws of the Grand Lodge or of local interest only. A lodge asking for a ruling as to how many candidates could receive the degrees at one meeting, brought the answer that in Tennessee "there is no limit to the number of degrees which may be conferred at a meeting of a lodge," but Edict 30 provides that only one candidate shall be made a Mason at one time, i.e., take the oath or obligation, so a lodge may confer as many degrees at one meeting as they feel like doing. "A lodge meeting might last for days and confer an unlimited number of degrees" so long as they conformed to Edict 30. Grand Lodge approved of the ruling.

The Grand Master was much impressed by an edict issued from the office of the Grand Master of West Virginia, dealing with all forms of raffles, lotteries and games of chance, conducted by bodies basing their membership upon membership in the Blue Lodge. He concurs with Grand Master Clyde T. Dutton in his opinion that no Mason should be concerned in or participate in any game of chance no matter by what organization it may be sponsored. He also condemned the use of the name "Masonic" in connection with clubs and associations without the sanction of Grand Lodge, saying, "Clubs of this kind have become detrimental to the fraternity in other jurisdictions." Grand Lodge concurred in both statements.

The Grand Master concludes his address with a rather sad expression that his days of usefulness in Grand Lodge are over, having served his term of office. I venture the opinion that he will find himself very greatly mistaken. In no other organization will he find the past holders of office so much in demand and so continuously held in honor and respect as in our Fraternity. There will be work to do so long as M.W. Bro. Polk wishes to do it.

The report on Education shows substantial improvement made in educational conditions in Tennessee during the five years the Fraternity has been taking an active interest in securing a better school system. The report lists the following improvements:

1. The State has appropriated large sums to assist in paying better salaries to teachers and for longer school terms.
2. An ambitious road building program is under way. (Better roads to schools.)

3. Many counties have undertaken the work of school consolidation. The report says, "As Masons we are obligated to disseminate light and knowledge. Every Community in Tennessee is represented by individuals in this audience. You have it in your own power to give your boys and girls the kind of schools that will prepare them for life. . . . If the Masons of Tennessee would dedicate themselves to the welfare of our rural schools, we would soon revolutionize the educational standing of Tennessee."

The Historical Committee has been at work for three years. They report progress and find it will be necessary to continue their research work and compilation. Grand Lodge voted \$1,500.00 for the work.

The Ways and Means Committee have an interesting report on their Masonic Home. There is great need for a special building for Widows and Orphans, especially the children, and in studying the problem they refer to the "Old Masons Home" building and quote a former Grand Master, who said, "In my opinion the Old Masons Home from a business or fraternal standpoint is not a success. It is difficult to transplant an old man and have him as well contented and happy as he would be if permitted to remain among his old associates and friends. In my opinion these old brethren who are now inmates of the Old Masons' Home, would be a great deal better satisfied and contented if they were back at their own homes. . . . I believe that adequate provision should be made by Grand Lodge to afford every comfort necessary to them." Exactly so, Alberta has had splendid results by using the Benevolent Fund in just such fashion.

Grand Lodge resolved that fraternal relations with Costa Rica and Panama be resumed, they having been discontinued through an oversight, which was unintentional; in publishing the list of correspondent Grand Lodges, these Bodies were omitted. Grand Lodge also expressed their deep sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Italy in the misfortune which had overtaken them in the prohibition passed on them by the Government.

The Report on Correspondence was partly written by the late M.W. Bro. H. A. Chambers. His work is taken by W. Bro. C. H. Smart, P.M. of Cumberland Lodge No. 8, one of Tennessee's large lodges. Correspondents the world over, while welcoming Bro. Smart to the circle, will deeply regret the passing of the veteran among Masonic Correspondents. W. Bro. Smart tackles his work with vim, making shrewd interesting comment in an original vein. He makes a welcome contribution to the correspondence circle and will be received with favor. Alberta receives fraternal notice in a page and a half. He does not exactly approve of some of our little ways and tells us so with a tolerant smile. He notices we have a good balance on hand after transferring a large sum to the benevolent fund. He finds our system in allotting work all right and shrewdly suggests that M.W. Bro. Selwood's blue pencil has much to do with it. Right, that's the Chairman's job, but sometimes we get by. It was my fault that this report was not in last year's proceedings.

M.W. Bro. Andrew E. McCulloch, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Stith M. Cain, Grand Secretary, Nashville.

J.H.W.S.K.

TENNESSEE, 1927

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Nashville, January 26th and 27th, 1927.

A full attendance greeted the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Andrew E. McCulloch as the 457 lodges were all represented, three-fourths of them by their W.M.'s or their Wardens, the others sent representatives. Twelve Past Grand Masters were present; the oldest held office twenty-seven years ago. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master's address covers twenty-six pages of the proceedings and bears evidence of a very laborious year in office. He was most painstaking and particular in any matter that required investigation. That Grand Lodge did not always uphold his rulings and also did not agree to some of his recommendations, is perhaps to be expected. One hundred and thirteen years of experience is not lightly set aside.

The Grand Master, feeling the need of some authorized source of advice on matters of jurisprudence, recommended that a "Judge Advocate" be appointed by Grand Lodge, who he thought would be of great assistance to the Grand Master. The Jurisprudence Committee very properly suggested that in such cases the Grand Master could confer with the Chairman of their Committee, but made it plain that his opinions would be advisory only. "Grand Masters cannot divest themselves of responsibility inherent in the office," they said, and no doubt such an appointment would have the tendency of weakening the Grand Master's rulings and decisions.

Another recommendation dealt with two contradictory edicts—I am glad to find these "Edicts" are part of the published proceedings—Edict 16 deals with dimitts. A dimit holder is kept in good standing for one year from the date granted, "After that he is not entitled to any Masonic privilege save that of affiliation." But Edict 50, says, "Non-affiliates—Subordinate lodges may not bury voluntary non-affiliates, unless two thirds of the members present at a meeting called for that purpose shall vote to do so." It seems to the writer that some such proviso is needed to qualify Edict 16, which is the same as our own regulation and which is quite often just forgotten in cases where the lodge concerned feels keenly that it is the Masonic thing to do. Yet, something more is required; what about the seven days' notice of meeting? Clearly impossible in these cases. Anyway the Jurisprudence Committee did not think they should be changed, saying, "Certainly there are circumstances in life and death which may not be covered by precise provisions, and this seems to be one of them."

I am glad to see a Grand Lodge Committee standing up for the rights of subordinate lodges. Why not "constituent lodges," by the way?

The Grand Master found many lodges charging very small dues, in fact their dues scarcely covered the per capita charged by Grand Lodge, while their initiation fees were also very low. He recommended that a minimum fee of \$35.00 be made for initiations, passing and raising, and the minimum dues in the subordinate lodges shall be \$1.00 at least in excess of Grand Lodge per capita tax. It was the latter part of the recommendation that the committee disagreed with. They pointed out that the funds of a lodge are a subject for their own control and that it is beyond the power of Grand Lodge to fix a maximum or minimum amount. The committee says, "At times your committee is constrained to feel that the inherent powers of a lodge are not always

so fully understood as their importance justifies, and particularly, that it is not appreciated that these rights may not be made the subject of Grand Lodge legislation."

The Grand Master found time to visit 116 lodges, making a point of going to the smaller and weaker lodges of the jurisdiction. A thoughtful act, and one which will do much to encourage, enliven and revive Masonry in places where they may be somewhat out of touch; yet in these same rural districts or small towns, the spirit of Masonry often shines brightly and the Masonic lodges is regarded with affectionate pride by the members. The Grand Master drew attention to the number of small lodges in lumber and mining communities where the population could not furnish material enough to maintain a lodge for any length of time. He recommended raising the fees for dispensations and charters, which was not approved by Grand Lodge. A better way perhaps to remedy the matter, where the population is largely a floating one, and the prospect of a permanent settlement doubtful, is simply to refuse to allow the lodge to be formed; in any case a sufficiently large number of charter members to ensure the carrying on of the lodge should be insisted on.

The Grand Secretary reports delinquency of lodges in making returns. He charged each delinquent with the penalty imposed in such cases by edict, which may result in some improvement. Nearly all Grand Secretaries have this trouble with slack Secretaries. We, in Alberta, have been comparatively free from it since our District Meetings have been organized.

Bro. Cain has made the reviewer's task lighter by his foot notes to the Grand Master's address referring to the page and the result of the committee's finding on rulings, decisions and recommendations.

The Historical Committee present an interesting report. They have been at work for some three years gathering data and in the course of their investigations they had to travel far afield, visiting other jurisdictions in research work. They have just about completed their collection of information. It was decided that research work should cease and the matter collected be compiled and available for consideration by Grand Lodge next year.

Grand Lodge could not see its way clear to further finance the work of the Education Committee, which presented a strong statement showing the need for continual support of the night schools now established. They quoted authorities giving the total number of illiterates in Tennessee among the white population as 101,000, stating that one in eight of voting age cannot read or write. However, owing to lack of funds, Grand Lodge for the present could not increase their appropriation for the purpose of assisting the night schools, which are now being conducted by State assistance.

The Committee on Correspondence favorably considered the matter of recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and found enough to convince them "that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is composed of a little band of Masons, who are endeavoring to make the smoldering embers of Masonry burn brightly in that benighted land—to use a familiar expression, they keep the Holy Fire." Grand Lodge concurred and recognition was extended.

W. Bro. C. H. Smart, Chairman of the above committee, reviews some sixty-six Grand Lodges in his report. He succeeds to the late Bro. H. A. Chambers' seat at the "Round Table" and is a worthy

successor. He does not come entirely new to the work, having had seven years experience as Correspondent in "another place"; having adopted Tennessee as his home and country, he is entirely and completely confident that there is no way like Tennessee's and also that it is a correspondent's duty and privilege to have an opinion and express it. He does, with a light-heartedness that is refreshing and a brightness that certainly belies his claim to eighty years of residence in this sublunary abode. His announcement made me turn with some curiosity to his comment on Alberta, a Grand Lodge almost 100 years younger than Tennessee. It was a concise statement of the proceedings, concluding with an invitation to the writer to come down and make a visit, "Come and get a taste of Southern hospitality"—this in reply to mention made of the enjoyment expressed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Manitoba at their visit. Seeing both these brethren are still alive and well, I surely would like to go "way down South."

H. Lee Fox, Grand Master.

Stith M. Cain, Grand Secretary, Nashville.

J.H.W.S.K.

TEXAS

The Ninety-second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge held in the City of Waco, December 2, 1927. M.W. Bro. M. A. Childers, Grand Master, presided.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters together with the Grand Masters of Louisiana and Mississippi and many other distinguished visitors were present. Alberta was represented by W. Bro. Doole, of Brady Lodge, No. 628.

The devastating floods of the Mississippi basin and the destruction wrought by tornadoes, were naturally given prominence in the Grand Master's address. In Texas a cyclone destroyed the little town of Rock Springs, with many casualties. A month later, a like disaster overtook two towns with further loss of life and many injuries. In the case of Rock Springs and Nevada, the Grand Master authorized an appeal to the lodges for assistance in rebuilding the lodge rooms in these places and in addition assistance was given members and their families who had suffered, from Grand Lodge. The enormous loss of life, suffering and damage to property over a large area in the Mississippi basin, however, put these catastrophies in the shade and our Texas brethren came forward with subscriptions, amounting to \$35,898.49, being fourth on the list of contributing Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master condemns the use of the word "Mason," "Masonic" or any similar word in connection with commercial enterprises of any kind, except in the case of Masonic publications where the authorization of Grand Lodge is obtained.

He considers "the rushing of degrees" is of no advantage to the applicant or to the Fraternity, refusing all requests but one for dispensations to confer degrees before the statutory time had elapsed. The one case was very exceptional.

He arrested the charter of a lodge because they ignored the written protest of a brother from another lodge, against the conferring of a third degree. This was the second time this lodge had offended. The action of the Grand Master brought about a change of attitude and the lodge eventually had its charter restored, but the Worshipful Master

remained suspended until action was taken by Grand Lodge. However, on reports of the harmonious working of the lodge and the repentant attitude of the Worshipful Master, he recommended that Grand Lodge restore him to office, which was done. Evidently the lesson was taken to heart.

The Grand Master made an extended report on Masonry in Mexico. Apparently the recognition of Mexican Grand Bodies has been a vexed question for many years. His report and recommendations, together with the comments of the Committee on Jurisprudence and the action of Grand Lodge thereon, make interesting reading. Space will not permit of lengthy reference however. It would appear that Masonry in that country has been in a very unsettled condition, that attempts have been made to establish lodges under the Mexican Grand Bodies of Spanish speaking residents of Texas, that a "Treaty" to that effect was actually proposed at one time, and that there is a Grand Body, "The York Grand Lodge of Mexico," composed of English speaking Masons, regularly organized and already recognized by many Grand Lodges (including our own), which the Grand Master recommends for recognition. The Jurisprudence Committee, in a well considered report, recommended that recognition be withdrawn from the Grand Lodge of Valley of Mexico and did not approve of the recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, but Grand Lodge, while agreeing to withdrawal of Fraternal Relations from the former Grand Lodge, decided to recognize the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

Much consideration was given to the establishment of a Home or Sanatorium for tubercular patients or sufferers from other malignant or incurable diseases. A per capita tax of twenty-five cents was authorized to provide relief and assistance to brethren and their families so afflicted.

The Grand Master being prevented by illness from discharging the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Master "carried on." One of his acts during this time was to refuse a dispensation to a lodge to lay a corner stone for the reason that it was really "a slab" and not a corner stone and also that the walls of the building were completed, stating, "consequently our ceremonies would have been meaningless and without application." Grand Lodge concurred.

The Grand Secretary reports, "again," that the returns of all the lodges have been received and all paid. This happy state of affairs is apparently due to a new law whereby the Grand Master may arrest the charter of a lodge for failure to make returns and send in dues by August 1st.

The Grand Lodge of Texas maintains large institutions for the care of widows and orphans and aged Masons. Immense sums of money are spent yearly in improvements and maintenance of the Home plant, the net value of which appears to be \$1,410,531.00, and the total cost of maintenance, \$298,680.76; attendance, 395 persons; net cost per capita per month, \$30.73 or \$368.76 per year.

The Correspondence Report by M.W. Bro. W. M. Fly, P.G.M., covering fifty-nine Grand Lodges, is interesting reading. Alberta Proceedings must have failed to reach him.

Number of lodges, 990. Membership, 136,740.

M.W. Bro. G. R. M. Montgomery, Fort Worth, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. B. Pearson, Waco, Grand Secretary.

J.H.W.S.K.

UTAH

Fifty-sixth Annual Communication, January 18th and 19th, 1927, Salt Lake City.

Bro. Fred Morgan Nye, Grand Master.

Bro. Sam Henry Goodwin, Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges, 26. Membership, 4,937. Gain, 119.

Alberta was represented by Bro. A. E. Eberhardt.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master reported that he had visited all the lodges during the year, accompanied on nearly every occasion by a majority of the Grand Lodge Officers. The jurisdiction had enjoyed a prosperous year, the net gain exceeding by 35 that of the previous year. Of two decisions reported, one was disapproved.

The Grand Secretary is able to look forward to the prospect of having new and spacious accommodation in the new Masonic Temple being erected at Salt Lake City. Apparently this edifice is going to be a matter of justifiable pride to the brethren of Utah.

The Grand Lodge refused to adopt a suggestion or ruling of the Grand Lecturer and of the Board of Custodians, that in the exemplification of the ritualistic work the Master of the lodge should not remove his hat at the mention of the name of God except when prayer was offered, and particularly not to uncover while giving the obligations.

Much benevolent work seems to have been done, this feature being characteristic of several other Grand Jurisdictions whose proceedings have come in review before us. The annual pilgrimage to the Kailab Forest is being questioned, but apparently the Grand Lodge was not yet prepared to terminate this rather spectacular proceeding. This will probably come in time. Five matters came before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

The Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Utah presents the best appearance of any that reach us, and is doubtless a tribute to the excellent work and rare discrimination of the Grand Secretary. We are pleased to notice that his brethren appreciate his services, as was evidenced by their gift of a fully equipped five-passenger sedan to him at Christmas. A worthy greeting to a worthy brother.

Bro. Goodwin's review of Foreign Correspondence is quite on a par with those of past years, and that is saying a great deal. We thank our brother for the kind words regarding ourselves, with which he closes a very appreciative review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

C.V.B.

VERMONT

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Vermont met on the 15th day of June, 1927, in the Masonic Temple in the City of Burlington.

There were present 17 Grand Lodge officers, 24 permanent members, 13 District Deputy Grand Masters and representatives from 85 lodges. Several distinguished visitors were introduced and cordially welcomed by Past Grand Master Crowell.

Grand Master Babbitt at the opening of his address, says that it will be brief as a complete recital will permit, and there is only a little over nine pages. It is concise and to the point. He tells us that the Grand Lodge meets with ranks unbroken.

Vermont is divided into 13 districts. The Grand Lecturer holds a meeting in each District and the Grand Master attended all of them. He reports much interest in these meetings.

The Grand Master in his address tells us that he made a special effort to have a greater attendance at the Grand Lodge meeting from the subordinate lodges and it did meet with some success, for this year 85 lodges were represented out of a total of 103, whereas last year there were only 80.

He is enthusiastic over the meeting of the Grand Masters in Washington. "This Grand Masters Conference is an admirable clearing house for all things pertaining to the good name and far-reaching influence of our great Fraternity."

The Grand Master with the advice and approval of the Grand Warden has a special emergency fund of \$1,000. Some question arose as to whether this fund could be used only within the State. The Jurisprudence Committee ruled, and the ruling was adopted by Grand Lodge, that the fund could be used for relief either within or without the State and that the sums the Grand Master had sent for relief in Florida and the Mississippi Valley could, and should, be taken out of this fund. Besides what the Grand Lodge gave to the sufferers of the Mississippi Flood, on an appeal to the subordinate lodges over \$920.00 additional was subscribed.

The Grand Master says that while he had many requests for decision, the laws and previous rulings covered every case.

The Finance Committee concurs in the Grand Master's recommendation that a clerk be employed to assist the Grand Secretary.

The conclusion of the Grand Master's address is especially good. In part he says:

"My Brothers, the true Mason is not made at sight, not in the fullest sense, neither can this great Fraternity which with the wisdom of the ages, assumes to teach man's duty to God, his neighbor and himself, dismiss the neophyte of a few hours or days as a proficient and qualified Freemason. Much patience, study, reflection, experience and desire are necessary, if he is to play his part in the world. The Ritual is but the shadow of that great and cohesive mass of fundamental truths embraced in Masonry's teachings, and to say that a Mason is proficient and qualified merely because he had mentally mastered the language of the Ritual is to substitute the shadow for the substance, and the forms and ceremonies for the great and fundamental truths of our Fraternity."

In their Report the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers start their report with these words:

"Your committee, to whom is assigned the pleasant duty of commenting on the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, are pleased to report. We have no desire, nor indeed can we add to or detract from his record as a careful, conscientious, ideal administrator of the affairs of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Vermont. It savors of his characteristic, thorough business methods and is convincing proof of their applications to Masonic affairs. It is pleasing and gratifying

to be able to endorse and approve the concise record of his stewardship."

We would like to quote further but fear we cannot. This committee feels that Vermont had a pretty good Grand Master in Bro. Babbitt and we guess they are not far astray.

There are some interesting items in the first report of the Jurisprudence Committee re amendments to by-laws.

It recommends that the rule whereby a candidate who has been elected for initiation, and before he receives any degree, removes from the State that the lodge petitioned to shall have jurisdiction over him for one year; formerly if he removed before he got his first degree the lodge petitioned to could not act and as he could not petition to a lodge in his new place of residence he would simply be out for the year, as neither could act. Now he can come back to the petitioned lodge any time within the year.

There was a resolution that the by-laws be amended so as to provide for lodge trial by a committee of five, three to be a quorum. This was to be a permanent committee who were to travel around and hear all trials, the Grand Lodge to pay expenses. We have not a copy of their present laws relating to lodge trials, but the members of the committee are evidently in favor of the present method for the resolution got short shrift at their hands. We are under the impression that committee trials are coming much in favor and we think deservedly so; while undoubtedly the resolution should be elaborated so as to provide the proper machinery for trials, this could have been done by the committee or it could have been referred back to the mover, but it was stifled at birth.

That hardy perennial, "dual membership" was dealt with. Dual membership as the committee points out is a delusion and a snare. The committee says: "We do not think that a Mason should be permitted to double or increase his right to charity or other Masonic privileges by joining different lodges. We see no more reason why a Mason should be permitted to be a member of a lodge in different jurisdictions any more than he should be permitted to be a member of different lodges in this jurisdiction. The confusion which would arise in case of Masonic offense, whereby he might be expelled in one jurisdiction and still retain his membership as a Mason in another, and all the confusion which would follow from dual membership, we think, render it inadvisable that we should adopt such practice."

The Grand Lodge took this advice.

The annual per capita tax was increased to 50 cents for general fund and 25 cents for the charity fund.

Notwithstanding that last year a special committee recommended the Grand Lodge affiliate with the Masonic Service Association, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended against it, largely on the ground that the benefits were not equal to the costs, that the funds were inadequate without this extra expense for the calls for relief which could not always be met.

So Vermont refused to join.

We have read over the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and are inclined to place them ahead of many such reports.

There do not seem to be as many banquets as usually fall to the lot of these officers as in other jurisdictions or they say less about such. There are some, however, and it is at the banquet where the Eastern Star usually shines the brightest. We are doubtful if the information offsets the costs of printing. Usually the close of a "perfect day" is a banquet, but the D.D.G.M. of District No. 4 says, "To add the finishing touch to a 'perfect day' our Grand Master addressed us." There is no doubt that such an ending of the day is much better than a banquet for, judging from his address at the Annual Communication, what the brethren would get from him would be much more wholesome and easier to digest than would a banquet.

The Foreign Correspondence is written by M.W. Bro. A. S. Harriman. He has the faculty of conciseness and pleasing form. He reviews 63 jurisdictions, four for two years, making a total of 67. In his foreword he calls attention to the drifting of Masonry into a money-collecting machine. After commenting favorably on the George Washington Memorial Fund he says, "No Mason in heart will begrudge his mite to this work. It must be said, however, that this movement but pointed the way to others by revealing how easy it is to secure millions for some real or fancied charitable work. We are gradually being swamped with the multiplicity of these demands. What with Emergency Funds, Educational Loan Funds, Hospital Funds, etc., the time seems almost here when no poor man can become a Mason. No longer will it be true that 'Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honor.' The questionnaires prepared for candidates of the future will have to include the question, 'Is he financially able to meet all dues and assessments which may be levied hereafter on Masons only, for the upbuilding of the Schools and Homes and Hospitals of the community, the State, and the Nation, that all men everywhere may know that Masonry has at last undertaken the sturdy task of providing funds for developing the earth into the heaven it was designed to be?' Will it indeed be so? Will it not be so, if dreaming visionaries are allowed to guide the policies of Grand Lodge? Men quote that thought which has glorified the past of Masonry, 'Masonry is a progressive science' and put all the emphasis on the word 'progressive.' The result seems all too often something which may be better termed 'Progressive Folly' than 'Progressive Science'."

To all of which we most heartily agree. Charity and such are not the reasons for which Masonry lives. That is secondary. The main object is Education. Masonry teaches its members to be wiser, consequently happier. Brotherly love comes first. But then Bro. Harriman might go further; not only are we drifting to a money collecting institution, but are we not fostering a bunch of societies which are detracting much from our beloved institution—The Shrine, The Grotto, The Eastern Star, The Order de Molay and Rainbow Girls and numerous others which, in our humble opinion, are side issues which are detracting from our institution?

Bro. Harriman fully reviews the Alberta Proceedings of 1926.

Number of Chartered Lodges, 103. Number Master Masons, 1927, 19,263. Net gain, 322.

M.W. Bro. Frederick H. Babbitt re-elected Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Henry H. Ross re-elected Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Forty-ninth Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia was held in Richmond, February 8th and 9th, 1927. M.W. Bro. B. W. Beach, Grand Master.

In his address, the Grand Master announced to Grand Lodge that the George Wright Memorial Tubercular Pavilion at Blue Ridge Sanatorium, Charlottesville, was completed and ready for occupancy. Virginia Masonry may well feel proud of its accomplishment in providing these quarters, with capacity for 60 patients and 10 nurses in the fight with the great white plague.

Progress reported on the gigantic memorial to George Washington, being erected at Alexandria, Virginia, indicated that during 1926 about \$400,000 had been expended. The annual expenditure is in direct proportion to the amount received in contributions from Masons throughout the United States. When completed, the edifice will tower four hundred feet above tidewater and will command a view of the surrounding country for over forty miles.

Virginia, like many other jurisdictions, finds itself presented with the problem of many weak rural lodges. Upon the recommendation of the Grand Master, the Jurisprudence Committee submitted an amendment to the Digest providing the necessary machinery to facilitate the consolidation of adjacent lodges.

R.W. Bro. Charles Nesbitt, who has served the Craft in Virginia for many years as Grand Secretary and now through advanced years is unable to continue, was appointed Grand Secretary Emeritus ad vitam, with his present salary to be continued. That was a noble thing to do. Grand Secretaries are virtually the keystone to the Craft yet so often their services are so little appreciated.

A very able report on Foreign Correspondence is found in the Proceedings from the pen of Brother Joseph W. Eggleston. Thirty-one jurisdictions are reviewed among which we looked in vain for Alberta.

Number of lodges, 353. Membership, 47,659. Gain, 659.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James Bowman.

V.H.M.

WASHINGTON

Seventieth Annual Communication held at Seattle, June 21st, 1927.

In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. Walter F. Meier, Grand Master.

Among the Grand Representatives present, Alberta was represented by Bro. Frank N. McCandless.

Grand Lodge was welcomed to the City of Seattle on behalf of the Seattle lodges by Wor. Bro. William J. Steinert. One comment in his remarks caught our attention and approbation: "And may I add this: In all the serious business to follow, may we be serious, but not too serious; may we remember that there are things to be done of grave import, but may we remember, too, that brotherly love,

for which we strive, finds its conception in a smile, its quickening impulse in a handshake and its life in the contact with the soul of a brother."

The address of welcome was suitably responded to by the Junior Grand Warden.

There is a snap and directness in the address or message of Grand Master Meier which charms our heart. Here is no saying the polite thing because it is expected, but a forthright statement by a forthright man who did his job and did it well as the entire report bears out. He opens his message with a full report of his sojourn in Alaska, where he visited in triumphant progress the lodges "down North" chartered by Washington. An interesting record of a strenuous piece of work.

The laying of half a dozen corner stones is duly recorded. Numerous decisions are made all very much to the point but mostly dealing with local affairs.

In one decision or rather a kind of serial decision on what Masorny may fairly do in humanitarian works of community or public interest, we find a fine expression of opinion such as it has been our fortune to find in few Masonic documents. In the main we can agree with his decisions and would like, did space permit, to quote in full. Some of his points may be considered debatable in the light of the life of Masonry in 1928 but readers of this review are recommended to read what M.W. Bro. Meier has to say, in his own words. They are effective and there can be no doubt they are straight from the shoulder.

A rather unusual case is reported in which a candidate "proceeded toward initiation up to the point of preparation and then refused to proceed farther." Is his fee returnable? Washington has no authority for the return of the fee.

Some pointed remarks, on the whole favorable, are directed at the De Molay organization for boys.

A long list of recommendations forms part of the address, each recommendation carefully detailed as to reason and effect, those dealing with the commercialization of the Craft, the issue of begging letters under Masnoic or pseudo-Masonic auspices, and traffic in rituals, being particularly effective.

An extremely interesting incident is recorded when M.W. Bro. Meier with his six brothers and two nephews worked the Master Mason in Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebraska, the boyhood home of the Grand Master.

The reports of the various committees are printed in detail and afford much interesting data on the affairs of Grand Lodge.

Very complete statistical tables and a fine Report of Correspondence, in which Alberta's Report for 1926 receives generous mention from the pen of a very clever reviewer, round out an outstanding report.

Lodges, 264. Membership, 47,818. Gain, 1,409.

Next communication at Tacoma, June 19th, 1928.

Robert A. Wilson, Spokane, Grand Master.

Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, Grand Secretary.

A.M.M.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1927

The Grand Master strongly recommends the brethren generally to read the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. As a means of Masonic education, he knows of nothing better.

When the Grand Lodge of Western Australia was constituted certain subordinate lodges within the geographical area of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, continued to maintain their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The matter of the amalgamation of these lodges with the Grand Lodge of Australia has been under discussion more or less intermittently ever since. The Grand Master announces that these discussions, which have been in abeyance for two years, had now been resumed and he was hopeful of tangible results.

Owing to certain regulations, it was not possible for H.R.H. The Duke of York to attend any Masonic functions arranged in his honor on the occasion of his visit to Australia, but the Grand Master with other prominent Masons attended at Government House and presented to T.R.H. The Duke and Duchess of York an address on behalf of the Freemasons of Australia.

The Grand Master refers with pride to the fact that since the Grand Lodge came into existence, twenty-seven years previously, it had disbursed in charity nearly £30,000 and that its joint Benevolent Funds had in reserve nearly £41,000.

The Grand Master again points with pride to the fact that for the twenty-fifth year in succession the books of Grand Lodge have been closed without there being one single lodge in arrears.

The Board of General Purposes: The Board was called upon to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the admission of a candidate, who was excluded from the lodge for non-payment of dues within nineteen months of his being raised. The Board found that at the time of his initiation his financial position was not such as would enable him to support the institution of Freemasonry, but on the contrary, he was financially involved and owed considerable sums of money. The Board was of the opinion that through the negligence of those directly concerned the best interests of the lodge and the Craft generally had not been safeguarded and therefore the proposer and seconder, as well as the three members of the Committee of Inquiry, were deserving of censure and were censured accordingly.

The Board of General Purposes, on authority given it by Grand Lodge, appointed one of the brethren to do all the reviewing of Foreign Correspondence at an honorarium of £50 per annum. This work had previously been done by a committee of six brethren.

The following extract from the Report of the Board of Management of the Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund, explains the basis upon which that Board operates:

"The Board once more desires to place before the Craft some particulars respecting the administration of the Fund. It has all along been the custom to make a grant for one year only, advising the lodge at the same time that an application for renewal may be made upon the expiration of that term. When the case comes up for renewal it is accompanied by a report from the guardian, who certifies from personal knowledge as to the position of those who, Masonically speaking, have become his wards. This report should be read to the

lodge prior to its being forwarded to the Board with the application for renewal. The Board's idea is that the case should be kept in front of the brethren so that they may know the particulars of the case and its needs. The great majority of the guardians take a very keen personal interest in their benevolent work, and are to be commended accordingly, but in a few cases the guardians are nominal guardians only. Very often difficulties are met with in the case where the deceased brother belonged to a distant country lodge, where the family have come to reside in the metropolitan area, where they have very few friends. Through the willingness and kindness of a number of good-hearted brethren who have taken on the guardianship and who report to the lodges from time to time, these difficulties have always been successfully overcome."

In its twenty-one years of work the Board has helped 113 children until they were in a position to earn their own livelihood and supplied with pensions 19 aged Freemasons and 4 Widows until their death or until relief became no longer necessary.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence occupies over 200 printed pages and is quite complete. Alberta is dealt with at length. It is noted that this reviewer in dealing with the Proceedings omitted criticism, his intention being merely to state interesting features and leave criticism to the reader. With the Report of the Committee is published a very interesting and comprehensive foreword by W. Bro. Archdeacon, the reviewer. This foreword points out the main tendencies and characteristics of Masonry as shown by the various reviews which come under his observation.

Number of lodges, 126. Total membership, 7,667. Net gain, 397.

M.W. Bro. The Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., LL.D., O.B.E., V.D., (Archbishop of Perth), Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson, P.D.G.M., Perth, Western Australia. Grand Secretary.

E.T.B.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Sixty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Huntington, on November 16, 1927.

Grand Lodge suffered the misfortune of losing their Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William Taylor Workman, by death, just one month previously. The funeral was conducted by Grand Lodge with full Masonic honors and he was laid to rest on October 20, 1927. M.W. Bro. F. W. Van Horn, then Deputy Grand Master, took up the gavel of office and presided as Acting Grand Master at this communication.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters attended, there being twenty-two living Past Grand Masters. West Virginia must have a pleasant and salubrious climate. R.W. Bro. Frank F. Flaig, Deputy Grand Lecturer and member of Mount Olivet Lodge No. 3, at Parkersburg, attended as the Grand Representative of Alberta.

The representatives were received with honors and addressed by M.W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner, P.G.M., who laid stress on the fact that, "West Virginia has recognized and is in affiliation with many Grand Lodges of the world, which are all English-speaking lodges,

tracing their authority to the York Rite, the old mother Grand Lodge of all." There was an exception in the Philippines; Spanish as well as English is used. M.W. Bro. Carrigan, P.G.M., replied for the representatives.

The Acting Grand Master read a brief address, paying tribute to the memory of the late Grand Master, who had been so suddenly called at almost the end of his term of office. M.W. Bro. William K. Cowden then presented the address of the late Grand Master. As much of it as was written by him, is given as he wrote it, the rest is compiled from records and notes left by him. Needless to say, the few words of the opening part of the address and the conclusion were of deep interest to the assembled brethren. The concluding paragraph in part, says: "Just forty years ago in this month, for the first time, I attended the Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia, then held in the City of Charleston. Since that time I have never missed an Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge," which is an indication of the faithful service he rendered.

The Grand Master laid the corner stones of six churches and four schools. He refused the following:

1. A dispensation to hold a stated communication of a lodge on a date other than that fixed by its By-laws. He stated that a Grand Master has no authority to grant dispensations to subordinate lodges to hold stated communication; but only, in proper cases, to hold special communications.

2. To empower a Past Master to open and preside over a lodge at the stated communication for the election of officers, the only reason being given, that the three principal officers desired to be absent on that date to attend a Shrine meeting.

3. Permission to a lodge to lay a corner stone on Sunday.

4. Dispensation to a lodge to elect and install officers about October 1, 1927, in order that the newly elected officers might attend the Annual Communication in November.

In all of which the Grand Master used sound common sense. It is extraordinary the ideas some members have as for what they may request dispensations. Two of these are plainly to suit the personal convenience of some of the members.

One of the Grand Master's decisions had to do with a somewhat unusual case. A member filed charges of un-Masonic conduct against another member of the same lodge. The charges were not sustained, the accused being acquitted. He then brought civil action in court against the member who preferred the charges, basing his case on the charges and specifications filed in lodge and on the evidence in the lodge trial, consisting of certain letters. These letters were on file in the lodge records, the lodge retained copies of these letters, giving the originals to the plaintiff in the civil action, to be returned to the lodge as soon as they had served their purpose. In the civil trial the plaintiff introduced and used not only the letters but all of the charges and specifications in the records in the lodge trial. The Grand Master held: "That such use of said charges and specifications is a violation of Masonic Law", and upon inquiry by the subordinate lodge, he directed said lodge to receive charges against the member so offending and directed that he be given a trial according to Masonic law.

Grand Lodge settled its account with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada and withdrew from membership.

The Grand Secretary reported that 110 lodges had contributed \$4,027.65 to the Mississippi Relief for flood sufferers.

The Educational Fund of Grand Lodge could not meet the demands upon this year. This fund is to assist students to complete their education, and must be of very great assistance to those who through the loss of one or both parents are unable to finish their preparation for their life's work.

The Masonic Home is developing, the first unit of buildings, with the exception of Dining Hall and Kitchen, being practically completed. They have a total of thirty-nine adults and children in the Home as of last September. The farm attached to the Home is being well equipped and produced a great deal of supplies for the Home during the year. The amount invested in this Home would appear to be \$372,482.23.

This year's expenses for the Home.....	\$20,879.80
This year's expenses for the Farm.....	5,559.64
Improvements for the Farm.....	<u>9,293.81</u>
Total for Masonic Year	\$35,733.25

The expense of maintenance and upkeep of these homes is very great and it would appear that endowment is necessary to be sure of safety and permanence.

The Committee on Landmarks, which was appointed a year ago, found they could not be ready to give a report at this Grand Lodge and requested leave to report next year, it being a large undertaking.

Many speeches in memory and in eulogy of the late Grand Master were made. He was what we would call an "Old Timer." "He was born in Wayne County on a farm on the 'Twelve Pole River.' In those days there was no railroad, scarcely a road of any kind, and no railroad till 1890." Sounds very like Alberta, doesn't it?—say, 40 years ago. The speaker goes on to tell of "Workman's Chapel," built largely by Workman and his brother, who got out the logs, hauled them to the sawmill, had them made into lumber and then helped to build the Chapel, which should describe to us very clearly the manner of man Bro. Workman was.

M.W. Bro. Thornburg, P.G.M., also passed away a short time previous to the death of the Grand Master. He was Grand Master in 1884-85; born in 1846, he lived to a grand old age and was very many years active in Masonry.

Our own great loss is brought to mind by these eulogies and still more perhaps by the fact that M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary, was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. Each jurisdiction must feel much sympathy for the other, as their bereavement has been heavy.

The report on Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. L. N. Tavenner, P.G.M. Sixty-four Grand Lodges are reviewed and Alberta receives kindly notice of last year's proceedings. He has nice things to say of our late Bro. S. Y. Taylor. I know it will be a shock to him to hear our sad news. M.W. Bro. Taylor's ability was attracting notice in many Correspondence Reports. Bro. Tavenner presents a clear-cut synopsis of the work of each Grand Lodge reviewed, having a special talent for picking out the points of interest in the proceedings and it makes enjoyable reading.

Number of lodges, 167. Total membership, 34,048.

M.W. Bro. Frank W. Van Horn, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. George S. Laidley, Grand Secretary.

J.H.W.S.K.

WISCONSIN

The Eighty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin was held in the City of Milwaukee on Tuesday, 14th day of June, 1927. M.W. Bro. D. H. Mooney presided.

Representatives of forty-four other Grand Lodges were present at this communication, Alberta being represented by Brother E. L. Urquhart.

The address of the Grand Master was a concise report of his official acts and contains very little in the way of either comment or recommendation. He refers to the disasters in Florida and in the Mississippi Basin and to the financial assistance the Masons of Wisconsin were able to render to the sufferers in those areas.

During the year he rendered ten decisions of which eight were approved by Grand Lodge. Among those of general interest we cite the following:

Question: Is it a violation of Masonic Law for a Master Mason to place a Masonic emblem on the radiator of his automobile?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Is it legal for a Lodge U.D. to ask for waiver of jurisdiction on work belonging to another lodge but now living in the jurisdiction acquired by dispensation?

Answer: Yes.

Question (1): Has the divorced wife of a Master Mason, in good standing, any claim upon our Lodge for assistance in the time of need?

Answer: No, if divorce is absolute.

Question (2): If our lodge took any action to relieve the distress of the divorced wife of a member of our lodge, would such action be based on sympathetic grounds or upon a valid claim upon our lodge?

Answer: If divorce is absolute, any action taken by your lodge would be purely sympathetic and would certainly be commendable.

We quote with approval the following statement of the Grand Master concerning New Masonic Temples:

"During the past year appeals have been made to the Grand Lodge for assistance to individual lodges in caring for unfortunate members. The lodges stated in their requests that on account of the building of a new Temple or purchasing the building now occupied, their treasuries were more or less depleted.

"This is not as it should be. Lodges should so conserve their funds and resources that when an emergency arises they shall be prepared to meet it and not be compelled to make a hasty call on the Grand Lodge for assistance."

From the report in regard to the Masonic Home it appears that there were fifty-eight guests and the total expense of the home was \$53,594.00, the average expense per guest per annum approximating \$1,000.00.

A summary of the assets of this Grand Lodge shows a total of \$1,110,111.05.

As indicating the activity in this jurisdiction in the matter of Masonic Research and Education we quote the following:

"We are happy to report that activity in respect to Masonic study, education and charity in Wisconsin is far greater than we had supposed. We find that there are many members of the Craft in this state who are, in the judgment of Masters of lodges, competent to carry on Masonic education and study, and are qualified to deliver inspirational and historical lectures. Many of these brethren are teachers, professors, ministers of the Gospel and members of other professions, who have become proficient in Masonry.

"We have, also, obtained from a large number of lodges a list of brethren who have delivered lectures from time to time. In many instances special events have been arranged for the laying of corner stones, Temple dedications, the observance of Past Masters' nights, installation of officers, schools of instruction, banquets, Washington's birthday celebrations, the discussion of landmarks, and homecomings, and we cannot doubt that in all of these there has been an increase of interest and understanding, cementing more firmly our ties of fellowship and fraternity."

The following were some of the results obtained as the results of a questionnaire:

Sixty-nine lodges had no special events during the year.

Forty-three lodges had no inspirational talks; one hundred and twenty-one did have such.

Ninety-three had historical address; sixty-four did not.

One hundred and forty-four lodges have no Masonic library.

Sixty-seven lodges have used the Grand Lodge Traveling Library.

Sixteen lodges presented a Bible or other literature to newly made Masons.

We also wish to quote from the report of the Committee on Masonic Research the following paragraph which seems to embody the conclusions of the Committee based on their experience of several years in this work:

"The experience of brethren who have interested themselves in Masonic education is that the printed page is the best and also the cheapest method; but experience also proves that there is a most serious necessity for brethren who have a conception of the various phases of Freemasonry to inspire the brethren to read and think. Our efforts during the past year have been largely devoted to planning ways and means of obtaining the co-operation of the lodges and having at least a few meetings a year in every lodge which will be devoted to producing better understanding of the history, symbolism and philosophy of Freemasonry. We are not unmindful of its practical phase, and that it is only by the way a Mason lives that we may judge its good effects on humanity; but we believe that higher ideals are the seeds which grow into noble deeds and pure actions, and that any education in Freemasonry is very practical although it may work indirectly."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following statement regarding Masonic activities on Sunday:

"The lodge is forbidden to hold a communication on Sunday for any other purpose than conducting a Masonic funeral. To hold service for posting on Sunday would violate the spirit of this edict and tend to bring Masonry into disrepute, and we recommend that such action be forbidden."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by M.W. Bro. Aldro Jenks and is in his usual illuminating and instructive style.

Alberta receives kindly and appreciative mention.

Total Membership, 58,826. Net gain, 1,839.

M.W. Bro. Herbert W. Dixon, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. William W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

WYOMING

Fifty-third Annual Communication, August 24th and 25th, 1927, Thermopolis.

Bro. O. O. Natwick, Grand Master.

Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges, 46. Membership, 7,925. Gain, 202.

Two special sessions were held during the year, one to lay the corner stone of the new Federal and Post Office Building at Cody, and the other to perform the same service for the new Masonic Temple at Wheatland.

Forty-four of the forty-five chartered lodges were represented.

The Grand Master reported peace and harmony prevailing in the lodges throughout the district. The subordinate lodges were carrying on the purposes of Freemasonry with honor to the Fraternity. He considered that the Fraternity had been the most stabilizing influence in America during the period through which they had just passed, when conditions in the nation had been unsettled.

All the decisions of the Grand Master were approved, one with a slight modification. He recommended withdrawal from membership in the Masonic Service Association, and this was approved by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund again shows that efficient service is being rendered where it is needed.

The report of the Committee on Life Membership shows that this vexed question was investigated very thoroughly. Action was deferred for a year.

Only one matter was brought before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

The report of Fraternal Correspondence is presented by Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, Grand Secretary, and covers the ground very fully. Alberta is given recognition.

C.V.B.

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